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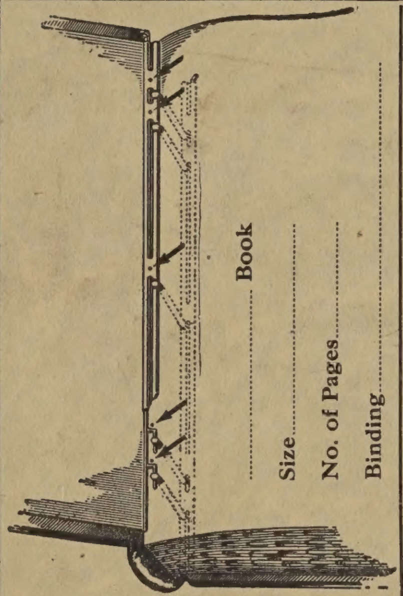

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The first-named Meeting changed its name to become the second-named Meeting above. Union of the second-named and the third-named Meetings above was effected 7th Month 21, 1951 to form the new Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting whose minutes are to begin a new book.

John R. Kellam

Recording Clerk for
the new Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

May 23, 1953.

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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at West Warwick, Rhode Island, Fourth Month 13, 1935.

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends were appointed as representatives to this meeting:

From South Kingstwon Monthly Meeting, Alice Edge Perry and Phebe F?Perry; from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, Joseph E.Meyers, Anna Foster, Henry C.Foster, Elizabeth Foster; from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Marian B.Goodwin and Henry T.Gidley. The names of the representatives were called and all were present.

This meeting is now gathered for the first time, pursuant to minutes adopted at New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, from which it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Snadwich Quarterly Meeting have been re-arranged to form this Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends. The several minutes were read at this meeting.

A Memorial of Mary E.Foster from Nantucket Monthly Meeting of Friends was read and was approved.

The representatives are requested to meet with a view to bringing in to our next session proposals for persons to serve as clerk, assistant clerk and treasurer of Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing, we adjourn to meet again at North Dartmouth in the Seventh Month.

Henry H. Perry
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Dartmouth, Mass. Seventh Month,13,1935.Phebe Perry

Phebe Perry reported for the committee to suggest names for a clerk, assistant clerk and treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year. The names of Millicent S.Foster for clerk, of Alice Edge Perry for assistant clerk, and of Henry T.Gidley for treasurer were brought forward. This meeting approves of these suggestions and those Friends are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year or until further appointment.

By reports from the three monthly meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting:

Henry T.Gidley, Marion B.Goodwin, Eunice B.Clarke, Ethelyn Foster, Joseph E.Meyers, Anna Foster, Henry C.Foster and Elizabeth Foster. All are present except one.

All the queries have been read at this time. The General queries have a bearing on our individual endeavor to lead Christian lives. We are impressed anew with the need to strive more diligently to live up to the principles inherent in these queries.

The Supplemental queries, dealing with the state of the meetings were read, with answers from each of the Monthly meetings. The clerks are directed to summarize these reports and to forward them to the approcaching Yearly Meeting.

The following Friends are appointed Representatives to the Yearly Meeting: Harry S.Goodwin, Eunice B.Clarke, Henry T. Gidley, Anna Foster, Thomas P.Nichols, Marion Goodwin, Harvey Perry Mira Tucker,Ethelyn Foster and Henry C.Foster.

No further business appearing, we adjourn to meet again at Dover, Mass., Tenth Month,12, if so permitted.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk

ANSWERS to the SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES.
7-13-1935.

1. Elizabeth G.Wilbur, an elder, died Fifth Month,20,1935.
   Mary E.Foster, an elder,died, Twelfth Month,17,1935.
2. No new meetings have been established and none discontinued.
3. Care is taken to keep the records as stipulated.
4. Friends are assisted if need arises and also helped to educate their children.
5. Friends have chosen schools under the care of Friends or schools where their children are under teachers of Christian character.
6. The overseers have not had occasion to deal with any delinquency in conduct.
7. Queries are read in the subordinate meetings as directed.

STATISTICS.

There has been one new child member by request of parents during the past year.

There have been two marriages to non-Friends:
Penelope Perry to Eustace Walcott; Anne Perry to Nathan Talbot.

Susan W.Jones died in the Third Month, 1935.

Five of our members have been attending Friends Boarding Schools this past year.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dover, Massachusetts, Tenth Month, 12, 1935.

The assistant clerk being absent, Rebecca Hutton Perry is appointed to serve for the day.

From accounts received from the three Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting: Elizabeth E.Gidley Anne G.Carter, Marian B.Goodwin, Jane M.Foster, Henry C.Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Mary H.Damerel and Harvey C.Perry. Two representatives are not present but reasons were given for their unavoidable absence.

Marian B.Goodwin reported for the representatives appointed at the last meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting, that all attended but one who was absent on account of sickness.

It is felt that the General Queries should be read in full at the Quarterly meeting next preceding the Yearly Meeting, and a few at each of the other sessions of the Quarterly Meeting. The first five queries were read at this time, and we felt again the need of a searching of heart as we answer them for ourselvves.

A standing C~mmittee on Finance is proposed made up of the treasurer of this meeting, the clerks and the treasurers of the three monthly meetings. The committee is charged with raising the annual assessment for the Yearly Meeting.

A concern was expressed that all in our meetings for worship take a personal responsibility in the matter of vocal ministry, being sure that they withold no service that should benefit the meeting.

Having finished the business of the meeting, we conclude proposing to meet at Westerly, R.I. in First Month, 1936.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk.

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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, R.I.on First Month,11,1936.

From the accounts received from the three Monthly meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting: Phebe Wilbur, Henry T.Gidley, Henry C.Foster, William O.Foster, Jane M. Foster, Thomas P. Nichols, Harvey C.Perry, and Phebe F.Perry, all of whom are present, except one for whose absence a reason was given.

The last five Queries were read at this meeting, which with the messages given us in the meeting for worship,give us much to consider and to strive for in our daily life.

It was pointed out that the date of holding our Quarterly Meeting conflicts with other Friends Meetings, which was felt to be unfortunate. The clerks are directed to make inquiry into the possibility of finding a time for holding our meeting when it would be more convenient for other Friends to meet with us.

No further business is before us at this time, so we conclude,purposing to meet in the Fourth Month, at West Warwick, Rhode Island.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk.

Assistant Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at East Greenwich, Rhode Island on Fourth Month,11, 1936.Since it was not suitable to meet at West Warwick as purposed at this time, the place of holding this meeting was changed to the East Greenwich Meeting House.

The assistant clerkbeing absent, Phebe Perry is appointed to serve in that capacity for this meeting.

From the accounts received from the three Monthly meetings, it sppears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting: Harry S.Goodwin, Alice W.Gidley, Phebe Wilbur, Henry C.Foster, Jane M.Foster, William O.Foster, Alice Edge Perry, Elizabeth Perry, all but two of whom are present.

To avoid conflicting with the times of holding other Friends meetings, the time of holding this Quarterly Meeting is changed to the third Seventh Day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Ten Tenth Months, from the second Seventh Day of the same months.

The following Friends are appointed to bring forward at our next session, names of Friends to serve this meeting as clerk, assistant clerk and treasurer: Jane Foster, Mira Tucker and Elizabeth Perry.

The reading of the first five queries at this time served to remind us of many Christian duties that we strive to attend to.

The clerk is instructed to send letters to U.S. Congfessmen, Senators to urge their support of the Sisson Bill HR 11375 to repeal the restrictions on teachers in the District of Columbia in their subject matter to be taught. This meeting feels that, while we object to"Communism" as it is understood, we have a great concern that academic freedom in the schools be preserved.

A letter was read from the French Society of Friends, appealing for a union of the spiritual forces of the world to combine to bring peace.

No further business appearing at this time, we conclude purposing to meet at North Dartmouth, Mass. in Seventh Month, if so permitted.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk.

At RHODE ISLAND AND SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING, held at North Dartmouth, Mass., Seventh Month, 18,1936.

The assistant clerk being absent, Phebe Perry is appointed to serve for the day.

From accounts received from the monthly meetings, we find that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting: Ruth Carter, Henry T.Gidley, Marian B. Goodwin, Albert L.Scott,Jr.,Elizabeth Foster, Joseph Meyers, Jane M.Foster, Charles Perry, and Elizabeth Perry. All are present.

Jane M.Foster reported for the committee appointed at our last meeting, to bring forward names of Friends to serve this meeting as clerks and treasurer. The committee suggests the name of Millicent S.Foster for clerk, Alice Edge Perry for assistant clerk, and Henry T.Gidley for treasurer. After separate consideration, the meeting approved of the suggestions and those Friends are Appointed to the respective positions for the ensuing year or until further appointments are made.

The General Queries and all of the Supplemental Queries have been read at this time. Answers to the supplemental queries are summarized as follows, which with statistics received from the Monthly Meetings are to be forwarded to the approaching Yearly Meeting.

Answer 1. Mary C.Foster, a minister died the 23rd of Fourth Month in the 83rd year of her age.

Answer 2. There have been no new meetings established nor any discontinued during the year.

Answer 3. Care is taken to keep a regular record of all changes in membership in the book provided for the purpose by the Yearly Meeting. This list is compared withthe records of the overseers of the Monthly Meetings. A list is kept of non-members married to members and of their minor children. Overseers also keep a list of attenders who are not members.

Answer 4. Friends who have needed assistance have received it, especially for the education of their children.

Answer 5. Friends are concerned to place their children in schools of high standing.

Answer 6. The overseers know of no cases of delinquent conduct.

Answer 7. Queries are read in the subordinate meetings and specific queries are read and answers forwarded with accounts from the Monthly Meeting as directed.

This meeting has received from Nantucket Monthly Meeting a memorial minute for Mary C.Foster, a minister of that meeting. The minute is approved in substance and the clerk is directed to make additions to it in line with the thoughts expressed in this meeting, with the help of a few Friends, and to forward it to the the Meeting for Sufferings of the Yearly Meeting.

The following Friends are appointed Representatives to the Yearly Meeting: Henry C.Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Ann G.Lowry, Eunice B.Clark, Harvey C.Perry, Marian B.Goodwin, by whom we forward the answers to the supplementary queries and other information.

No further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meet at Dover, Mass. in Tenth Month.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk.

Statistics received from the Monthly Meetings.
Seventh Month, 1936.

There has been one marriage to a non-Friend during the past year: Philip Gidley to Mary McKenna.

Eight members attended college this past year, four of them graduating.

Three attended Friends boarding schools. Others attended public schools or carefully chosen private schools.

MEMORIAL MINUTE as received from Nantucket Monthly Mtg.
Seventh Month, 1936.

Mary C.Foster, a minister of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month, 23,1936. She was born at Jenkintown, Pa. Fourth Month, 20, 1854, the daughter of Caleb and Hannah (Sharpless) Cope. In 1882 she married Horace B.Foster and moved to Centerville, R.I. where she lived the remainder of her life.

She never broke the silence of a religious meeting with words of council, except from a deep sense of required duty. Her unselfish and generous spirit was an outstanding characteristic. She possessed great practical abilities as well as spiritual insight and power. She was always diligent in Christian work, and she visited with minutes of unity from her home meeting, Ohio, Phila., North Carolina and Canada Yearly Meetings. During several years of failing health, she was without exception patient and serene, with a strong and sustaining faith.

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At RHODE ISLAND AND SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Dover, Mass. Tenth Month,17th,1936.

From accounts received from the Monthly Meetings,we find that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting: Phebe Wilbur, Harry S.Goodwin, Jane M.Foster, Millicent S.Foster, Ethel Foster and Alice Edge Perry, all of whom are present.

Henry C.Foster reported for the representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, that all attended to the service for which they were designated.

The general queries which have been read in this meeting remind us again of our high calling.

There were read in this meeting episltes from the French, the New Zealand, and the London Yearly Meetings. A oneness in spiritual effort was evident in all which is encouraging to us.

There were verbal reports on the work of the Book and Tract Committee in forwarding the study of topics to be taken up at the World Conference of Friends to be held next year.

The question of holding a regional all-Friends conference was presented and interest was expressed. The Yearly Meeting Committee to cooperate with other Yearly Meetings is encouraged to develop the possibility of such a conference.

A report of peace work of our members was given by a member of the Peace Committee.

There appears to be no further business at this time, so we conclude, purposing to meet in Westerly in First Month.

Millicent S. Foster
Clerk.

AT RHODE ISLAND AND SANDWICH Quarterly Meeting, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, First Month, 16th, 1937.

From the accounts received from the Monthly Meetings, we find that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting; who are all present but one. Ann G.Lowry, Marian B.Goodwin, William Foster, Anna Foster, Eunice B.Nichols and Thomas Perry.

Some of the general queries have been read and considered in this meeting. Our endeavors to live up the suggested aims must be persevering.

The Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings gave a report on the preliminary arrangements for a Regional All-Friends Conference to be held in New England following the World Conference next Ninth Month. The meeting was united in feeling that because of the fact that such a conference should be held closely following the main conference, and because we feel the purpose of the Conference to be of great moment to all in our meeting, the date of holding our Yearly Meeting might well be adjourned to one week later than the usual time, thus to make cooperation possible in the Regional Conference.

Having concluded the business before us, we adjourn, planning to meet in next Fourth Month at West Warwick, R.I.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk.

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AT RHODE ISLAND AND SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING, held at East Greenwich, R.I. Fourth Month, 17th, 1937.

We find that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives from the Monthly Meetings to this meeting: Elizabeth Gidley, Harry S. Goodwin, Elizabeth Perry, Mary Damerel, Anna Foster, Henry Foster, and William Foster, all of whom are present except one, who is absent because of illness.

The assistant clerk being absent, Mary H. Damerel is appointed for the day.

The following are named to bring forward at our next sitting names of Friends to serve as clerk, assistant clerk and treasurer of this meeting: Eunice B. Clark, Henry H. Perry, Elizabeth Foster and Elizabeth Gidley.

The general queries have been read for our instruction and guidance.

Elizabeth Perry of the Peace Committee spoke of the work of the New England Institute of International Relations and the need of Friends to be alert to encourage and help potential leaders to attend the Institute.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, proposing to meet in Seventh Month at North Dartmouth, Mass., if so permitted.

Millicent S. Foster Clerk.

At R.I. and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at North Darthmouth, Mass, the 17th of Seventh Month, 1937.

The clerk being absent, Jane M, Foster is appointed to serve for the day. Harvey C.Perry is also appointed assistant clerk for the day.

It appears from reports received from the Monthly Meetings, that Harvey C.Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Ruth Carter, Henry T.Gidley, Myra Tucker, William O. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and Jane M.Foster have been appointed as representatives to this meeting. They are all present but one, who was unavoidably detained.

The committee to bring forward names for clerk and assistant for this meeting and the name of a person to serve as treasurer report the name of Jane M.Foster for clerk, Mary H.Damarel for assistant clerk and Henry T.Gidley for treasurer the ensueing year, which are satisfactory to the meeting.

The answers for the Supplementary Queries have been read together with statistics from each of our Monthly Meetings. The summaries are united with by this meeting and directed to be forwarded to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ninth Month next to which, we appoint, as our representatives, Thomas Perry, Marian B.Goodwin, Elizabeth Foster, William S.Nichols, Harvey C.Perry and Jane M.Foster.

Summaries:

1.Hannah Webster, a minister of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month, 7, 1937.

2.No meeting has been established and none has been discontinued.

3.Care is taken to keep a regular record of all changes in membership and to compare it with the records of the overseers of the Monthly Meetings. A list of non-members married to Friends and of their minor children is kept by the overseers. Attenders whp are not members have been listed.

4.Two Monthly Meetings report no assistance given during the past year, while the third Monthly Meeting, reports money has been used to send two children to Friends' School and one to college and also to assist other Friends when need arose.

5.We believe that information in regard to suitable schools is accessible to our members, and that Friends have a real concern to place their children in schools where their is Christian influence, and training in line with Friends' ideals. There are no Friends' schools available for small children and therefore, religious education on the part of the meeting is all the more important.

6.There has been no placing of judgment during the past year, but their has been a desire to live in that spirit of toleranceand affectionate interest which fosters growth.

7.Queries are read and answered as directed.

Statistics:

Phoebe Wilbur, a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting died Twelfth Month 29th, 1936.

Joseph E.Meyers, a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a former member of Ohio and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, died 4th Month, 21, 1937.

AllMonthly Meetings report non-member attenders at meetings, and one Monthly Meeting reports one new member accepted and two more applicants, all of whom are young people.

Anne Carter and Dayton Hull were married Seventh Month, 10, 1937 at North Dartmouth, Mass,

Four of our children have been in Friends' schools the past year; five in other private schools; five in college with two graduating; eleven have been in public schools.

A report of the World Conference Committee, received by the clerk of the Yearly Meeting was sent to this meeting, with the suggestion that it be read. We have listened with much interest, and rejoice in the progress that they have made in this great effort to deepen the thought and action of our Society. We are all reminded to follow the sessions of the Conference in thought and prayer and to use the reports.

We are urged to attend the Regional Conference held after the World Conference at Moses Brown School from Ninth Month 11th to 13th inclusive.

We now conclude purposing to meet at Dover, Mass. in Tenth Month next.

Jane M. Foster Clerk. for day

At Rhode Islnd and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Tenth Momth 16th, 1937 at Dover, Mass.

We find from the reportsof the Monthly Meetings, that the following Friends have been named representatives to this meeting: South Kingstown, Ethel Foster and Elizabeth Perry; Darthmouth, Harry S. Goodwin and Henry T. Gidley; Nantucket, William O. Foster and Anna Foster; whose names being called, are all present.

Three epistles addressed to the Yearly Meeting have been read in this meeting. They are from Baltimore Young Friends Yearly Meeting; the Young Friends of Australia; and the Message of the Society of Friends in France.

We are much impressed with the vitality of the Young Friends message and the concern in all these epistles for the whole of life, so that we may have a conscience worthy to be free. If we live in the "life and power which taketh away the spirit of all wars," we will not find ourselves passive towards evil, but filled with a love which transcends evil.

The first five of the General Queries have been read for our prayerful consideration.

Having finished the business before us, we now conclude, to meet again at Westerly, R.I. in First Month.

Jane M. Foster, Clerk

At Rhode Island an Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends,held at Westerly,R.I. First Month 15,1938.

The reports from the Monthly Meetings show that the following Friends have been named representatives the this meeting:
From South Kingstown,Julianna R.Perry and Mary Demarel; from Dartmouth,Marian B.Goodwin and Elizabeth E.Gidley; from Nantucket,Millicent Foster,Jane M.Foster and Henry Foster,whose names being called are all present.

Members of the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings,report taht one meeting of our Sub-committee with Committees from other Friends Groups in New England has been held in Cambridge. There was much Friendly discussion of the problems involved.One committee was appointed to study each of the major considerations. It is felt that home meetings should keep closely in touch with the work being done and forward any suggestions they may have as a group or individually.

Young Friends report joint activity with the Young FriendsBoard of the Yearly Meeting for Friends in New England in visitation and cooperation in the preparation of a study outline for use before the Young Friends Conference in Holland in Eighth Month.
Our Committee desires to be a part of a united New England Young Friends Committee,reporting to all the constituent groups of Friends,which is about to be set up. We approve of this joint activity and encourage them tp proceed as way opens.

The Clerk is asked to send a letter to the Rhode Island General Assembly,stating that this meeting goes on record as being in favor of the repeal of the law legalizing pari-mutuel betting in this State.

The Committee on Religious Education report that they expect to have a revised set of Children!sQueries circulated before our next Yearly Meeting with the thought that they might be printed for our use.It is also suggested that our children being separated widely, might take up a group project which they would report on at Quarterly Meeting times.

The last five of the General Queries have been read. Their emphasis on the details of our lives remind us again that our religion must be a"way of life".

Having finished the business before us,we now conclude, expecting to meet in Fourth Month at West Warwick,R.I.

Jane M. Foster Clerk.

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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich,R.I.instead of West Warwick,R.I. the 16th day of Fourth month,1938.

By reports from the Monthly Meetings,it appears that the following Friends have been appointed as representatives to this meeting: South Kingstown, Thomas P.Nichols,and Harvey C,Perry; Nantucket,Albert L.Scott JR.and Henry C.Foster;~~North~~Darthmouth,Alice W. GidleyAnd Harry S.Goodwin.

The Following Friends have been appointed a Nominating Committee to name Friends for Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer of this meeting,Henry Foster,Thomas P.Nichols and Alice W.Gidley.

The following Friends are named as an auditing committee which shall report at our next meeting;Thomas Perry and Marian Goodwin.

The Queries suggested for the use of children,which are to come before the Yearly Meeting have been read for our information.

The Young Friends report that they met in Cambridge and prepared a Study Outline which has been distributed to Groups in New England. It is felt that the use of this outline will make intervisitation more worthwhile. Several young Friends are expecting to attend the International Conference in England in Eighth month. We have been reminded that the Society of Friends began as a young people's movement and this meeting desires to encourage them.

The first five of the General Queries have been read. We have been told of the discovery of Samuel Bownas,that it is not enough to be a traditional Friend,all must experience the renewal of Divine life in themselves. We desire this experience for each one.

Having completed the business before us,we now conclude,to meet in Seventh Month at North Darthmouth,Mass.

Jane M Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Dartmouth,Mass.,Seventh Month 16th,1938.

The Assistant Clerk not being present,Phoebe F.Perry is appointed for the day.

It appears from reports from the Monthly meetings that the following Friends have been named as representatives to this meeting: South Kingstown,Thomas Perry and PhoebeF,Perry; Dartmouth,Marian B.Goodwin and Henry T.Gidley;Nantucket,Millicent S.Foster and Henry C.Foster,whose names being called are all present but one.

The Committee to bring forward names for clerk and assistant and treasurer for this meeting have proposed the reappointment of Jane M.Foster for clerk,Mary H.Dameral for assistant clerk and Henry T.Gidley for treasurer,all for one year,which is satisfactory to the meeting.

The Auditing Committee not being ready to report at this time, are continued until our next session.It is desired that the clerk or assistant clerk shall keep a schedule of the appointments of this meeting and notify Friends when reports should be made. The Auditing Committee and Treasurer are appointed a committee to consider the proper use of our funds and report to next meeting.

The Supplementey Queries have been read with answers from each Monthly Meeting. The summary of these answers which have been approved, together with the statistics offered, are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting in Ninth Month to which we appoint the following as representatives: Eunice B.Clark, Juliana R.Perry, Henry T.Gidley, Elizabeth Foster and Millicent Foster.
Summary:

1.James W.Oliver, a minister, died Fourth Month19th, 1938 at Ithaca New York where he had lived several years, having a minute of sojourn from Nantucket Monthly Meeting.

2.Nonew meetings have been established and none have been discontinued.

3.All changes in membership are recorded in a book kept for that purpose by the overseers and compared with the list of the Yearly Me Meeting as kept by the Recorder. The overseers keep a list of nonmembers married to members, of their children and of attenders who are not members.

4.Friends are given aid when occasions arise and they are given a aid insecuring education for their children.

5.Friends are concerned to provide suitable education for their children in accordance with Friends Ideals.

6.There have been no cases of delinquents brought before our meetings,

7.The Queries are read and answered as directed in the several parts of this Query.

Statistics: There are 44 children in public school.
There are [illegible] Children in Friend's schools.
One is attending a Junior College.
One graduated from High School.
Oneis attending Art School.
One Monthly Meeting reports attendence for the last fourty-four weeks. Sixteen different members have attended meeting. Fifteen non-members have been fairly regular attenders. Twenty-two different visitors have been present, some of them more than once.

A memorial for our Friend, James W.Oliver, prepared by Nantucket Monthly Meeting, has been read and with slight change is satisfactory. His loving and faithful Christian character impressed people of all ages leaving a blessed memory.

Memorial

James W.Oliver, a beloved minister of Nantucket Monthly Meeting died Fourth Month 19th, 1938, at Ithaca, N.Y. in the eighty-eighth year of his age.

He was born Seventh Month 25th, 1850, in Lynn, Mass. Owing to the effects of Civil war on his fathers shoe business, he was obliged to leave school at an early age He worked in a book store for several years, after which he held a position in a bank for over forty years.

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1884 He was married to MaryAnna Otis of Sherwood,N.Y.,Ninth Month 18th,

James Oliver's personality was marked by unselfishness and a desire for the well being of others,evidencing a rare degree of humility. He had a remarkable memory which helped greatly in the absence of much scooling.

As a minister and also as a companion,he visited with minutes of unity Noth Carolina,Ohio,Canada and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings. His visits to isolated Friends in Nova Scotia,Maine and New Hampshire demonstrated his love and interst in the welfare of people.

In considering his life the words of the Psalmist are fitting, "Mark the Perfect man and behold the upright,for the end of that man is peace".

The clerk is directed to forward this Memorial to the Meeting for Sufferings.

We now adjourned to meet again in Tenth Month at Dover,Mass.

Jane M. Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dover,Mass. Tenth Month 15th,1938.

By reports from the Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed as representatives to this meeting: North Darthmouth,Alice W.Gidley,Harry S.Goodwin; Nantucket,Anna Foste Jane MFoster; South Kingston,Ethel Foster and Elizabeth Perry,whose names being called are all present.

The Committee to consider the proper use of our funds report that they think the sum which we now have,should be used for the defraying ~~the~~ expense of sending notices and for entertainment of the Quarterly Meeting.

An extract from the Yearly Meeting minutes in regard to making the Peace Committee,Young Friends Committee,Religious Education Committee and Book and Tract Committee, committees of the Quarterly Meeting instead of the Yearly Meeting has been read. This is for our information pending action by the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Report of the American Friends ServiceCommittee sent to the Yearly Meeting has been read; also a Message from the Inter-racial Justice Section of the World Conference of Friends" which"pleads with Friends everywhere for a great cleansing of heart in the world of brotherhood,"and an Epistle of the General Meetng of the Religious Society of Friends in Australia. We are grateful for these messages and thankful for the work of the American Friends Service Committee. "Our religion is not a method,it is a life,--mystical in its roots andpractical in its fruits". Amiel. Let us think not of discouragement but of the opportunities that lie before us.

Elizabeth Perry,for the Peace Committee says that Kirby Page will be in Westerly Eleventh Month 21st and may be avaiable through the Peace Committee for other groups.

Young Friends are arranging a retreat study group at Gonic,N.H. very soon at which they hope to formulate plans for their work. A financial statement of the Young Friends Committee was also read.

We have been reminded"that the life of the spirit is a life of fearless adventure" andwith this thought we adjourn to meet in Westerly in First Month next.

Jane M. Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held First Month 21st. at Friends' Center in Cambridge, Mass., by arrangement with Westerly Friends. Our meetings for Worship and meeting for Ministers and Elders and Afternoon Meeting are being held in joint session with Salem Quarterly meeting of the Yearly Meeting for Friends in New England.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings show the following Friends appointed as representatives to this meeting: South Kingstown, Thomas Perry and Mary H. Damerel; Dartmouth, Priscilla Carter, Henry T. Gidley and Harry S. Goodwin; Nantucket, Anna Foster and Millicent Foster.

The Book and Tract Commitee report that they have sent subscriptions to "The Friend" and "The American Friend" to Denmark Yearly meeting. Also they have purchased a number of books and pamphlets for our meetings which are on exhibition at this time.

The Peace Committee report that their work since the Yearly Meeting has been in support of the Christian pacifist point of view through meetings in Westerly addressed by Kirby Page and in cooperation with the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Providence in the study of the Biblical authority for Pacifism. Twenty dollars has benn contributed to Young Friends of New England for their Peace work. It is hoped that Friends may attend the coming meetings of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia on the subject of Christian Pacifism. Winifred Moody of the united New England Young Friends' Committee has told us of their week-end Conference in which they realized that their is the spiritual basis for pacifism and also and intellectual basis, both useful for presentation to the world at large. They plan to send trained Peace Caravaners into our own meetings this summer.

Friends may contribute to the Quarterly Meeting expense fund to take care of our lunch today.

The Religious Education Committee have presented the printed Queries for Boys and Girls for distribution.

We feel that this day of of meeting together with Salem Quarterly Meeting has been a time for great joy. Their have been many expressions of the power of changed lives, dedicated to Jesus Christ which will ~~to~~ bring us gradually together, if we will, in Christian life and service.

The meeting adjourned expecting tomet in Westerly in Fourth Month

Jane M Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, R.I., Fourth month 15th, 1939.

The Monthly Meeting reports show the following to be representatives to this meeting: Dartmouth, Marian B. Goodwin and John G. Wilbur; South Kingstown, Eunice B. Nichols and William P. Nichols; Nantucket, Elizabeth Foster, Albert L. Scott Jr. and Henry C. Fostr, all of whom are present.

The Peace committee calls our attention to the coming Wellesley Institute that we may carry it on our minds with the thought of finding a delegate from the Yearly Meeting. Thomas Jones of Fiske University and George Walton of George School presented a Friendly point of view as Speakers on the program of World Affairs Week in Rhode Island.

The Religious Education Committee reports an appreciation of the Boys and Girls Queries from many unexpected quarters and that the children themselves seem to appreciate them.

The Book and Tract Committee have presented a letter which has been read, from R.Halfden Nielson,Clerk of Denmark Yearly Meeting, thanking us for the subscription to The Friend"(Philadelphia) which was sent to them.

The question of places where our Quarterly Meetings shall be held is referred to a committee of three selected by the clerk,viz. Phoebe Perry,Marian Goodwin and Elizabeth Foster.

The Select Meeting has referred the answer to their third query in regard to interest in young people to this meeting. The first five of the General Queries have been read at this time for our thoughtful consideration.

A sincere expression ofdesire for help from overseers and older members of the meeting has comeffrom a young friend.This has brought f forth an expression from other Friends of a desire to be the kind of person helpful to young people and to be sensitive to times when help is desired.

We now adjourn to meet at North Dartmouth in Seventh Month next.
Clerk Jane M Foster

At R.I.and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Seventh Month 15th,1939 at North Dartmouth,Mass.

By reports from the Monthly meetings the following have been appointed Representatives to this meeting: Dartmouth,Jessie G. Carter and Myra K.Wilbur;Nantucket,Millicent Foster,Mary C.Foster and Elizabeth Foster;South Kingstown,Charles Perry and Mary H.Dameral, allof whom are present.

Phoebe Perry,Marian Goodwin and Anna Foster are appointed a committee to bring forward names for clerk,assistant clerk and treasurer to our next meeting.

The Answers to the Supplementary Queries have been read and summarized together with statistics of interest.These are directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by William S.Nichols,ALiceGidley, Phoebe Perry,Elizabeth Foster and Alice Perry,whom we appoint as our Representatives.

Answers to Queries and Statistics.

1.No ministernor elder has died.

2,No new meetings have been established;none have been discontinued.

3.Care is taken to keep a regular record of Changes in Membership in the Yearly Meeting book and a list is compared withthe list kept by the Monthly Meeting.Overseers keep a list of non-members married to members and of their minor children.Attenders who are not members are listed.

4.Friends in need of material assistance are relieved as their cases require. They are helped in securing education for their children when needed.
5.Friends are concerned to place their children in schools where they may be under teachers of Christian character not unsympathetic with the ideals of Friends.
6.No dealings with those delinquent have been necessary.
7.Queries are read as directed and duly forwarded to superior meetings, ~~as directed~~.

Statistics
Births Deborah Robin Hull,daughter of Ann and Dayton Hull was born 4-10-1939.
Marriages Agnes Nicholson Perry was married to Conover English in Cambridge Meeting House 3-18-1939.
New members Myra K.Wilbur and daughter Jean have become members of Dartmouth Meeting.
School attendence Friend's Schools 4
Other private schools 6
Public schools 9
College 9
Textile school 1
Meeting attendence
Dartmouth in 48 First Days had 416 attenders. Of these 219 weremembers and 176 were non-members but regular attenders. 21 were visitors.
Nantucket had the Providence Friends Fellowship as guests at one First Day Meeting.
Other items One Dartmouth member is working at the Scattergood Refugee Hostel in Iowa.That meeting supports one German refugee.
South Kingstown has three members in refugee work in Europe.

The Peace committee informs us that two of our members have attended International Institutes,one at Wellesley and one at Lafayette. One member is a Peace Caravaner this summer. The committee has contributed one full and one partial schlarship for the Institute,$50.for the Caravan work;also some to the Institute itself. We are urged to write our Congressman that we are not in favor of the Bloom Resolution which would do away with the arms embargo.

The Query prepared by the New England Young Friends Committee regarding peace has been read.We are stimulated and rejoiced by the fact that young Friends are thinking these issues through so clearly and taking part in Peace work.

The Book and Tract Committee report that six copies of Faith and Practice have been distributed.They have on hand a number of copies of"Refugee Facts"to be given out.and have purchased "We Did not Ask for Utopia","A Wayfarer's Faith" and a book for children.

A minute from the Friends'World Committee for Consultation in Conference at Vallekilde,Denmark in regard to our attitude towards the Jews and giving helpful suggestions towards the solution of the Jewish problem has been read.

Our representatives in Germany, Harvey and Juliana Perry have spent much time outside of Germany arranging homes for refugees coming out of that country. Many of these are an inspiration to us

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in the way in which they have borne suffering.

The last five of the General Queries have been read. We are reminded that time and energy must be devoted to the cultivation of our spiritual lives if we are to measure up to the high calling that becomes a Christian and a Friend in our day.

Having finished the business before us, we now conclude, purposing to meet again in Tenth Month.

Clerk Jane M. Foster

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 21st of Tenth Month, 1939:

As the clerk has been prevented by illness from being present, Phoebe F. Perry is appointed to serve as assistant clerk.

The monthly meetings have presented the names of the following representatives:

Nan~~Paw~~tucket
    Albert L. Scott, Jr.
    Anna Foster

South Kingstown
    Thomas P. Nichols
    Thomas Perry

North Dartmouth
    Marian B. Goodwin
    Henry T. Gidley

All of the representatives but one are present.

The nominating committee has presented the name of Jane M. Foster as clerk, Mary H. Damerel as assistant clerk and Henry T. Gidley as treasurer. The meeting has approved these nominations and they ~~these members~~ are appointed to serve during the ensuing year.

Mellicent Foster, for the Peace Committee, has told us of the New England Friends' Conference on War and Peace to be held at Cambridge from the 10th to the 12th of Eleventh Month at which we may examine and renew our belief in the peace testimony of Friends and find guidance to make it effective today.

Rebecca Perry, for the Book and Tract Committee, reports the publication of the minutes ~~report~~ of the Friends' World Committee for Consultation of its meeting held at Geneva the 14th of Eighth Month, 1939.

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Edith Perry, for the Religious Education Committee, reports that the committee is unable to fill requests for copies of the children's queries because the supply is exhausted. The committee is given authority to publish as many copies as seems right to them.

A report of the New England Young Friends' Committee tells us of a conference which was held at Nahant, Tenth Month 6th to 8th, to clarify Friends' attitudes toward war. This report is to be sent to each of the Monthly Meetings and it is hoped that Friends will seriously consider the recommendations made by the Young Friends in their report.

The following Young Friends are appointed representatives on the New England Young Friend's Committee: (The appointments to this committee supersede the appointment of a Young Friends' Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.)

Priscilla Carter
Elizabeth Cross
Mary Foster
Charles Perry
Claire Perry
Finley Perry
Albert Scott

Notify these

The sub-committee of the Committe on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings reports it has arranged for our meeting today to be held at the North Main Street Meeting House in Providence and recommends that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Cambridge in First Month in conjunction with Salem Quarterly Meeting. A letter from Alfred Osborne in behalf of Salem Quarterly Meeting united with this recommendation and our Quarterly Meeting has approved it.

There being no further business, we ~~not~~ now adjourn, proposing to meet in Cambridge in First Month.

Mary H. Dawerel
Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held on First Month ,20th,1940 at Cambridge,Mass.,with joint sessions of the Meetings for Ministry and Oversight and Worship with Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

The Assistant Clerk not being present,Julianna R. Perry is appointed for the day.

By reports from the Monthly Meetings,it appears that the following Friends have been appointed as representatives to this Meeting; South Kingstown,Thomas P.Nichols and Harvey C.Perry; Nantucket,Anna Foster and Henry Foster; Darthouth,Marian B.Goodwin and Elizabeth Cidley.They are all present but two,who were unavoidably detained.

We are agreed that each person should pay for his own luncheon on these occasions and that our share of the expense of a speaker should be contributed out of the Quarterly Meeting treasury.

A message from Salem Quarterly Meeting now in session across the way,expressing a hope that this joint Quarterly Meeting be an established event in the first month of each year has been received. We appreciate this invitation and are united in accepting this proposal. A reply is directed to be carried by Charles Perry to Salem Quarterly Meeting at this sitting,stating our acceptance of the invitation.

Appointments to the Religious Education Committee,the Peace Committee,th Book and Tract Committee and the Young Friends Committee are to be made hereafter at the Quarterly Meeting following the Yearly Meeting.

Our Yearly Meeting Epistle will be sent into Holland to be forwarded if opportunity offers to the German Friends. This was the suggestion of the American Friends'Service committee inorder that we might not embarass our German Friends.

The Young Friends Report that plans are being made to arrange a work camp for this spring and summer at North Weare,N.H. to clean up the hurricane and flood damage.

We now bring our meeting to a close with thankfulness for this opportunity of again meeting in fellowship with Salem Quarterly Meeting. We have been reminded of the spiritual experiences of pastFriends and the need for such in our own lives; of the supreme example of the life of Jesus in measuring our conduct andof the synthesis that Friends have tried to make of a religionbased both on historical fact and that which they feel is eternal Truth beyond adequate expression in words. We propose

We propose to meet at West Warwick in Fourth Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk

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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Foster Farm, West warwick,R.I. Fourth Month 20th,1940.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings name the following Friends as representatitives to this Meeting:Dartmouth,Marian P.Goodwin and Elizabeth E.Gidley; South Kingstown,Julianna R.Perry and Mary H.Hazard;Nantucket,Anna Foster,Henry Foster and William Foster, who are all present.

Henry Gidley,Elizabeth Foster and Henry H.Perry are appointed a nominating committee to bring forward names for Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer of this meeting,in Seventh Month next.

The Treasurer has presented a statement of our finances which is accepted. The total receipts since the union of the Two Quarterly Meetings in 1935 have been $52.09. Expenses have been $20.60 leaving a balance of $31.49.

A letter from the American Friends' Fellowship Council to the Quarterly Meetings has been read,relative to our friendly service to the members of the Wider Quaker Fellowship in the vicinity of each meeting. The names of these persons have been read.

The Book Committee reports that six copies of Faith and Practice have been distributed and three books on race have been loaned to the Providence Friends Fellowship. The Metcalf collection of peace literature,and especially early Friends contribution to peace literature,in the John Hay Library has been called to our attention, Numerous requests for the Children's Queries have beenfilled,several being sent to South Africa.

The Young Friends report that the Work Camp at North Weare,N.H. an original concern of theirs,is being planned now by the American Friends' Service Committee. Members of the Quarterly Meeting are desired to contribute to the expense of individuals attending this camp.

The Young Friends are publishing a news letter designed to keep New England Friends better acquainted,and desire contributions of literary material and some money.

The question of American war materials going to any belligerent nations Japan in particular,has been presented. It is agreed tosend a letter to the President and Senators expressing this concern . The letter is to be drafted by the clerk with the help of Henry Gidley and Gertrude Gidley. Friends owning stocks in firms whose goods may be used for war,should state their views to the President of the company and their willingness to forego profits of this sort.

We now conclude purposing to meet at North Dartmouth in Seventh Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Rriends held at North Dartmouth, Mass., Seventh Month 20th 1940.

The Monthly Meetings have named the following persons representatives to this meeting: Dartmouth, Charles Potter, Jessie G. Carter, and Henry T. Gidley; South Kingstown, Harvey C. Perry and Ethel Foster; Nantucket, Anna Foster, John H. Foster and Henry C. Foster, whose names being called, are all present but one.

The committee named to bring forward names of friends for Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year offer the following: Thyra Jane Foster for Clerk, Mary H. Damarel for Assistant Clerk, and Henry T. Gidley for Treasurer, whose names the meeting approves.

The Supplementary Queries have been read with answers and statistics from each of the Monthly meetings. The summary answers, which follow are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by Marian B. Goodwin, William S. Nichols, Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster.

Answers

1 No minister nor elder has died during the past year..

2 No new meetings have been established. Midweek meeting at West Warwick has been discontinued and several First Day meetings were not held when members have attended other meetings for worship.

3 The records of members andattenders are carefully kept.

4 Friends in need of material assistance are relieved as their cases require. They are helped in securing education for their children when needed.

5 Friends are concerned to place their children in schools where they may be under teachers of Christian character. Friends' schools are not available unless children are sent to boarding school.

6 No dealings with those delinquent have been necessary.

7 All queries have been read and answered as directed in the various parts of this Query.

Statistics

Charles P. Potter became a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in Third Month 1940.

Membership at Dartmouth 30; of which 15 are non-resident the greater part of the year. Average attendence at First Day meetings 7, of which three are non-members. Largest number at any one meeting 16. Visitors during the year 15.

Nantucket membership 13.

South Kingstown membership --

Marriages

Suzanne H. Gidley was married Second Month 10th 1940 to Donald Burton, a non-member.

Claire Mintern Perry was married to Frederick Wilfred Hofer a non-member, Fifth Month 18th 1940 at Westerly, R.I.

Esther W. Schell to William Prosser, a non-member, Sixth Month 6th 1940 at Cambridge, Mass.

Albert L. Scott Jr, to Iten Judith Noa, a non-member, at Cambridge Mass, Eighth Month 17th 1940.

School attendence

Friends schools	3	Graduates schools	
Public "	9	High	2
College and graduate "	9	College	2
Private "	7	Secretarial	1
		Medical	1

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A letter addressed to Henry H.Perry from Charlotte Susan Salmon of the American Friends Service Committee suggesting three or four conferences in New England devoted to thinking through the problems of war and peace at the present time and for the presenting the work of the A.F.S.C. was read. Much interest is expressed and Phoebe F.Perry, Millicent S.Foster, and Charles Perry are Appointed a committee to make plans as way opens. They are at liberty to add names to the committee and use their discretion as to the kind of conference most helpful and to arrange the date.

The Peace committee reports that Alden Nichols went to the Wellesley Institute of International Relations and Althea Nichols went to the one held held at Allentown,Pa. The Wellesley conference this year was the largest that it has ever been.

Henry Perry and Charles Perry attended the Conference held at Richmond,Indiana. They lay before us the need to keep in touch with all pacifist efforts. Charles Perry said that all but two Yearly Meetings in the U.S. were represented at Richmond.It was a small working Conference devoted to the problems of the Conscientious Objector. It emphasized the necessity for a Christian pacifist to feel a confidence in a power higher than himself and to be very busy developing the will to peace in the world about him. If our faith is strong,we will take time to prepare ourselves both to live and die for it.

The meeting directs that the clerk send a clear and carefully worded message to Sen.MORRIS Sheppard stating our objection to the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill and also to the Congressmen from the districts which we represent. We should send similar messages individually,

The Work Camp at North Weare N.H. is in session and would be very glad to have Friends visit it.

Marian B.Goodwin told of visitng Yearly Meeting for Friends in New England.Jessie Gidley Carter and Millicent Foster were also visitors and much enjoyed the cordial reception.

We now conclude,purposing to meet again in Tenth Month at Dover, Mass, unless otherwise arranged.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dover,Mass. Tenth Month 12th,1940,at the home of Henry and Edith Perry.

Phoebe F.Perry is appointed Assistant Clerk for the day.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings show the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting: South Kingstown,Elizabeth Perry and Mary I.Dameral;Darthmouth,Myra K.Wilbur and Henry T.Gidley; Nantucket,Elizabeth Foster and Albert L.Scott,Jr. who are all present but two.

Replies to the letter sent to our representatives in Congress have been received. The letter sent to them has been read at this sitting for our information.

Phoebe F.Perry has reported on the Conference on the problems of the Conscientious Objector ,which was held in Providence at Lincoln School on NinthMonth 14th and 15th. It was felt to be a"favored time" by those present and a very helpful thing to have done.

Extracts from the Yearly Meeting minutes have been read,reconstituting the Book and Tract,Religious Education,Young Friends Committees as committees of the Yearly Meeting. We are also informed that the Yearly Meeting unites with the present arrangements that are being made for holding our Quarterly Meetings in various places.

The Book and Tract Commitee calls our attention especially to the book by John Hughes, "The Light of Christ in a Pagan World."

The Queries for Boys and Girls are still being called for, the Religious Education committee informs us.

The Young Friends tell us that the New England Young Friends News Letter is being published and sent to friends. Contributions toward the cost, about $5 an issue, are still needed.

Henry H. Perry states that thirteen of our young men are eligible to register under the Conscription Law. The Peace Committee has distributed current publications on the Conscientious Objector.

Two of our Friends attended the Meeting of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends held at North Hampton on Tenth Month 11th and 12th. In connection with this a conference for the problems of the Conscientious Objector was held. Near 280 persons were present. The minute from our Yearly Meeting in regard to encouraging dual membership, where this would be helpful, which was sent to each separate Meeting group in New England was read at this meeting and received with much approbation as a forward step in our mutual relations.

We have read the covering letter sent with the London Epistle and extracts from several Epistles not read at Yearly Meeting time, but recommended by the Epistle Committee. These were fom Philadelphia Race Street, Philadelphia Arch Street, Szechuan Yearly Meeting in China, Dublin Yearly Meeting, Canada and Genesee Yearly Meetings, Syria and Palestine, Stavangar, Norway; Baltimore Homewood, Mid-India Yearly Meeting, and Cuba Yearly Meeting. Our thoughts and sympathy have been carried to these other dear friends during the reading and we have been helped by their messages.

We approve the suggestion that Epistles should be read to our Quarterly Meetings from time to time as they arrive instead of saving them all for the Yearly Meeting sesssions.

We now adjourn purposing to meet at Cambridge in First Month next, if so permitted.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Cambridge Mass. First Month 18th 1941, with the meeting for worship in joint session with Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Millicent Foster is appointed Assistant Clerk for the day.

The Monthly meetings have appointed the following friends representatives to this meeting; South Kingstown Alice Edge Perry and Harvey C. Perry; Nantucket, Elizabeth Foster and Henry Foster; Dartmouth, Jessie G. Carter and Marian B. Goodwin, who are all present.

Henry Foster is appointed to take the contributions for luncheon for this meeting to be given to George Selleck.

It is suggested that the Religious Education Committee should assist in the drafting of letters to the various age groups in our Yearly Meeting, particularly, the one planned by the Meeting for Ministers and Elders for a group aged 6-9 years, to be ready in 4th Month.

We have read a letter from the Young Friends at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, asking for the assistance of older and more experienced Friends in carrying out their convictions especially those on peace which -are being tested at this time. The clerk is asked to acknowledge this letter with appreciation and encouragement, and the letter itself is referred to the New England Young Friends Committee, also meeting here today.

The Young Friends report that they will hold a conference over the week-end of Second Month 22nd. The News Letter, ~~has been~~ issued ten times a year, was ommitted in Twelfth Month.

Mary Jessie Carter has been with us acceptably at this time and has told us of her work as our representative on the World Consultative Committee. Its special work has been to keep Yearly Meetings all over the world more cognizant of each other and to convey a feeling of warm fellowship among them. They have felt that the things that mean the most to us, are things that we can all agree on. Their is much help in writing and visiting with Friends more than we do. Our love and interest should begin at home and radiate over the world.

On this occasion of again meeting in joint session with Salem Quarterly Meeting, we have been reminded of George Fox's discovery that "there is one even Christ, who can speak to thy condition" with the hope that we might find for ourselves the spirit that made George Fox live as he did.

We have been gladdened by the presence of two Friends from Northampton Meeting, Eleanor Kutschnig and Mary P. Test.

We now adjourn purposing to meet at Westerly, R.I. in Fourth Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, on Fourth Month 19th, 1941.

Charles Perry has been appointed assistant Clerk for the day.

From the reports of the Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting: South Kingstown, Thomas Perry, Marjorie Buffum Taylor; Dartmouth, Henry T. Gidley, Alice W. Gidley; Nantucket, William O. Foster, Elizabeth Foster, who are all present but one.

A letter of cordial greeting from Alfred Osborne of Weare Monthly Meeting, New Hampshire, expressing appreciation of our presence and help in our joint Quarterly Meeting sessions in Fourth Month in Cambridge, was read. A suitable response is directed to be sent to Weare Monthly Meeting, prepared by the Epistle Committee.

The Treasurer, Henry T. Gidley, reports a balance of $28.31 after office expenses for the year have been paid.

Alice W. Gidley, Henry C. Foster and Thomas P, Nichols are appointed a Nominating Committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve as Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Peace Committee has been interested in sending out information in relation to the plans to feed the smaller Democracies. It is proposed that a letter expressing the interest of this Meeting in such relief shall be prepared for the meeting by the Peace Committee and sent to public officials. The Peace Committ

The Peace Committee also suggests the following books and pamphlets: "Pacifist Living Today and Tomorrow", "The Vital Cell", by Rufus M. Jones, "A Quaker Mutation", by Gerald Heard. They assisted with other Friends in Rhode Island, in the first meeting of World Affairs Week. This was addressed by Irene Pickard, who has recently returned from Geneva, on "Quaker Work in Europe." Attention is called to the Institute of International Relations to be held at Wellesley in Sixth Month. Anumber of pacifists are to be on the program.

The Book Committee suggest the following: "Just Among Friends" by William Comfort; "Community and Worship" by Douglas Steere; "Testament of Devotion" and "The Gathered Meeting" by Thomas R. Kelly.

Daniel Test, one of our very acceptable visitors at this time, announces a meetng on Fifth Month 11th, of the Connecticut Valley Association at Hartford Theological Seminary, to which we are cordially invited in the spirit of mutual helpfulness. We are deeply grateful for the presence of these dear Friends amongst us.

Epistles from Sweden Yearly Meeting, Szechuan Yearly Meeting, and Norwegian Yearly Meeting have been read and we are greatly moved by their courage in deeply trying outward circumstances.

We have been reminded that we must radiate that power from the Fountain of Life, which is stronger than any dynamic totalitarianism, and more lasting than any one individuals life.

We now adjourn to meet at North Darthmouth, Mass. in Seventh Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at North Dartmouth, Mass, Seventh Month 19th, 1941.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following representatives to this meeting: Dartmouth, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Marion B. Goodwin; South Kingstown, Thomas P. Nichols and Lydia A. Nichols; Nantucket, Millicent S. Foster, Albert C. Foster and Henry C. Foster who are all present but one.

* The answers to the Supplementary Queries from the Monthly meetings have been read and summarized. They will be presented to the Yearly Meeting by William S. Nichols, Henry T. Gidley, Elizabeth Foster, Thomas P. Nichols, William Foster and Charles Perry, whom we appoint as our representatives.

The Nominating Committee have proposed the name of Thyra Jane Foster for Clerk, Julianna R. Perry as Assistant Clerk and Henry T. Gidley as Treasurer for the year ensuing, which is satisfactory to the meeting.

The Peace Committee arranged scholarships for Hurford Crosman of Providence and Fay Gardner of the same place who a member of the Wider Quaker Fellowship, enabling them to go to the Wellesley Institute. They also made a small donation to Morten Brown of Cambridge for Peace Caravan Work this summer.

The letters sent to the British Ambassador, Presendent Roosevelt, and Senators and some Congressmen of Massachucetts and Rhode Island, concerning feeding small democracies have been read with the answers from Senator Green and the British Embassy.

The Book Committee report that a number of copies of the pamphlet, "Pacifist Living Today and Tomorrow" have been distributed; also two copies of "Just Among Friends"by William Comfort,have been purchased, which may be loaned and "The Small Town Boy" by Rufus Jones.

The meeting desired that a message of love and sympathy be prepared to be sent to Iten Scott for her husband Albert L.Scott Jr,who is now serving sentence in jail for refusal to register under the Selective Service Act.

The General Queries have been read renewwing our desires to live up to their statement of the Christian life. Our responsibility to pass on to others what we have seen with the Inward Eye has been layed before us during this meeting.

* Statistics and answers to Supplementary Queries.

1 Amos Othniel Foster,an elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died at Apponaug,R.I. on Fourth Month 14,1941.

2.No new Meetings have been established.One meeting for worship at West Warwick was discontinued during the winter months because the members attended meetings elsewhere.

3.A record is kept,in a book provided for the purpose by the Yearly Meeting of all changes in membership.This list is compared with the records of the overseers of each Monthly Meeting.The overseers keep a list of non-members married to members and of their minor children.A list is kept of attenders who are not members.

44Friends are given aid when necessary and they are helped in securing education aid for their children.

5.Friends are kept informed of schools where our childres may be under Christan influence.

6.No cases of delinquency have been brought to the attention of the meeting.

7.All queries are read in the subordinate meetings as directed. Specific Queries are answered and the answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting with other accounts through the Quarterly Meeting as directed.

Births 2
Marriages 7
New Members 4
Transferred Members 3
Lost by death 1
Children 27
    InFriends Schools 6
    In other private schools 5
    In public grade schools 7
    In college or other specialized schools 9

We now adjourn to Dover,Mass.in Tenth Month next if so permitted.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Main Street Meeting House in Providence, Tenth Month 18th 1941.

The following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting by their Monthly Meetings: Darthmouth, Henry T, Gidley and Marian B. Goodwin; South Kingstown, Harvey C. Perry and Ethel Foster; Nantucket, Anna Foster and William O. Foster who are all present.

This meeting is deeply grateful to Providence Monthly Meeting for the use of its meeting house and facilities and for the cordial good feeling extended to us. Our Treasurer is authorized to take care of any expense involved.

The Committee appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings to consider a change in the place of holding our Yearly Meeting and authorized by the Yearly Meeting to consider the time also, and to report to subsequent Quarterly Meetings, has made a full report orally to this meeting. After full consideration it is agreed to hold our Yearly Meeting next year on the week end of the third Seventh Day inTenth Month at Westerly, R.I., omitting the Quarterly Meeting usually held at this time.

The Committee on Relations with Other Meetings informs this meeting that several of their number attended the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Association at Deerfield, Mass, Members of that Association expresseda desire for closer Union with New England Yearly Meeting and a Committee was named to have the matter under consideration. Our Committee has since met and appointed a small Committee to confer with the above Committee of Connecticut Valley as to ways of achieving closer union.

The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to consider the most satisfactory procedure of obtaining supportfor the Civilian Public Service from the meeting has laid the matter before this meeting. We are agreed to reccommend that all monies should be paid to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer to be forwarded to the Service Committee for the C.P.S.Camps.

The Book Committee has purchased one new book entitled "Stories from the Underground Railroad" for children.

The Peace Committee presents the case for feeding children in Europe this winter. We are asked to do all in our power through signing petitions for the Resolution in Congress on their behalf, and otherwise to alleviate their suffering.

In the quiet of this meeting we have learned something of the ability to "be still and know that God is."

We now adjourn to meet at Cambridge in First Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Cambridge,,Mass. First Month 17th,1942,with joint meeting for worship with Salem Quarterly Meeting.

The following have been named representatives to this meeting by their Monthly Meetings: Darthmouth,Alice W.Gidley and HarryS. Goodwin and Henry T.Gidley; Southe Kingstown, Thomas Perry and Phoebe F.Perry; Nantucket Anna Foster and Thyra Jane Foster who are present except those from Darthmouth who were unavoidably detained.

Rebecca Perry is apointed to receive money for the luncheon, to be paid to George Selleck.

The Peace Committee has not met,but the members feel that our first concern should be to help with the Civiliaan Public Service Camps. Attention is called to the pamphlet ,published by the World Committee for Consultation on Problems of Applied Pacifism; also to an article by Elton Trueblood which has been reprinted for distribution,first appearing in"Christianity and Crisis."

TheAnnual Meeting of the World Committee for Consultation will be at Washington next weekend. They will consider an all American Friends Conference to be held at Richmond,Ind.,Fourth Month 17-20-1942 instead of the World Conference which was planned for 1943. The Meeting for Sufferings is asked to have care of appointing delegates to these Meetings.when the time arrives.

The Book Committee informs that copies of the"Testament of Devotion"by Thomas R.Kelly have been purchased for each of our meetings.

The Committee on Relatioms with Other Meetings report that a Conference meeting of our committee with representatives of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends and other interested Friends, was held in Hartford on the first week end in TwelfthMonth. Two suggestions were made; one thatthe Connecticut Valley Association should meet at the same time as our Yearly Meeting in Westerly in Tenth Month and join in part with us; the other was that their should be a continuation conference in the spring in Providence to consider matters of closer organization in soutern New England. A member of the Conn. Valley Association who is with us today informs that they are still considering their own mind in regard to closer union with other groups. Providence Friends have given the matter consideration but are not in a position to give definite dates as yet. It is expected that ~~that~~ a New England Regional Conference will be called for after the meeting in Richmond.

We are happy to have with us as guests Clifford Fawcett,of Amherst Florence Potts of Philadelphia and Royalston,Isabel Duguid of Cambridge, Dorothea Leonard of Providence and Mchal Jamir of Royalston.

Our next meeting will be held at Westerly on Fourth Month 25th one week later than usual on account of the Conference in Richmond.

Amessage of loving greeting has been brought to us by Florence Selleck from Salem Quarterly Meetng in sessinn across the way. Finley Perry is asked to carry our message to them.

It is with a sense of gratitude that we have been enabled to meet again in joint session with our Friends of Cambridge. It is our hope that many of the things that are happening to us in these uncertain times,may work for the "progress of the Gospel." God is not far from us if we practice his presence.

We now adjourn to meet in Westerly in Fourth month Next.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Westerly, R.I.,Fourth Month 25th,1942.

The following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting by their Monthly Meetings: South Kingstown,Thomas P. Nichols and Julianna R.Perry; Dartmouth,Alice W.Gidley and Henry T. Gidley; Nantucket Anna Foster and Henry C. Foster who are all present but one.

The Treasurer's Report,being read shows a balance of $22.68 and is accepted.

Jessie G. Carter and Phoebe F.Perry are appointed a Nominating Committee to bring forward names of friends for Clerk,Assistant Clerk and Treasurer to our next meeting.

The Committee on Relations with Other Meetings reports that a Conference was held at Providence on Third Month 14th, for closer organization of Friends in Southern New England.It was very well attended by members of our meeting and other Friends in Southern New England including twenty Monthly Meetings in all. Discussion of the problems involved was very frank and helpful and the fellowship was also refreshing. Connecticut Valley Association since,has stated that they have in mind taking a definite step forward in the near future.

We are asked to be sure our members attend the Regional Conference following the Conference at Richmond, which will be held at Hartford on Fifth Month 10th.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that Mary H.Damarel,Ruth C.Roberts and Edith N.Perry have been appointed to the service of overseer in that meeting.

The Book Committee has purchased copies of the"Practice of the Presence of God" by Kenneth Boulding for each of our meetings.

William and Elizabeth Estes from Providence Monthly Meeting are very acceptably with us at this time.

A questionaire sent out by the Friends Service Committee to ascertain what the Monthly Meetings were doing in the present war situation either on their own iniatiation or with other groups and whether they were taking part definitely with Civil Defense,was filled out by our clerks of Monthly Meetings. It is felt that we should cooperate with other groups whenever a real sacrifice of principle is not involved.

The second five of the General Queries have been read.

We have been encouraged to live as under the"shadow of his wings" and to plant whatever seed may be given to us as individuals wherever we may be,remembering that the world moves upward through the faithfulness of individuals.

We now adjourn to North Dartmouth,Mass in Seventh Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster Clerk

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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth,Mass, Seventh Month 18th 1942.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following persons as representatives to this meetibg: Dartmouth,Priscilla Carter, Myra Wilbur an Henry T.Gidley; Nantucket,John H.Foster and Millicent S. Foster; South Kingstown, Ethelyn Foster and Mary H.Dameral.Theyare all present but two who are prevented because of illness in their families.

The Nominatig Committee reportsthat they are united in proposing the name of Julianna R.Perry as 6lerk and Marian B. Goodwin for Assistant Clerk; also that of Henry T.Gidley for Treasurer.These names are satisfactory tothe meeting and they are appointed for the ensuing year.Appreciation is expressed for the service of our clerks,

The Supplementary Queries have been read with answers from each of the Monthly Meetings and interesting statistics. Summaries have been made which are satisfactory to the meeting tobe forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives Alice Gidley,Anna Foster, Phoebe F.Perry,Henry T.Gidley,Thomas P.Nichols.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs of the death of Eunice B.Nichols,an elder among them on First Month 28th 1942. The Memorial Minute prepared by that meeting has been read and our hearts have been touched with the memory of the life and service of this dear friend.The minute is united with and is to be presented to the m Meeting for Sufferings,

The Peace Committee reports that two of our members,Elizabeth and Anna Foster,attended the Wellesley Institute for International Relations. Devere Allen,another member was on the faculty. The Institute was devoted to a study of the Post War world and the ground work that we should be building now.It was smaller than usual on account of war conditions but had a very fine Faculty and developed a helpful spirit.

A letter from Ray Newton of the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee relative to Bills for further conscription of manpower,goods and services in Congress,has been read. The Clerk is directed to reply to the ServiceCommittee stating our interest in these matters and to write to our congressmen as suggested in hhe leter,

The Committee on Relations with 0ther Meetings reports that several of our members attended the Regional Conference in Hartford on Fifth Month 10th. It was the time of the Connecticut ValleyAssociation's Annual Meeting and also a follow up of the Conference held in Richmond. There was much helpful thinking onthe relations of Friends in New England. It was decided to hold the fall meeting of that Association in Westerly in Tenth Month coincident with New England Yearly Meeting.

Robert J.Leach from Pendle Hill and Providence Friends Meeting of Media,Pa.,also Everett Chapman from Allans Neck,Mass. meeting are welcome visitors with us at this time.

We have sunk deep in the harmony of the Lord which helps us to understand the worlds agony.We have been encouraged to act on our small insights that we may become more and more sensitive to opportunities for service directly around us.

We now adjourn to meet again in Cambridge,Mass, in First Month Next.

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk

Answers to Supplementary Queries
7th Month 18th, 1942

1. Eunice B.Nichols,an elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting died 1/28/1942.
2. No Meetings have been established and none have been discontinued.
3. A record of changes in membership has been kept and compared with the records of the overseers. The overseers have kept a list of non-members married to members and of their minor children. A list of attenders who are not members has been kept.
4. Friends are given financial aid when necessary.
5. Members are informed of schools of Christian character.
6. No cases of delinquency in conduct have been brought to the attention of the overseers.
7. The Queries have been read in the subordinate meetings as directed. The Specific Queries have been read and answered therein as directed and the answers have been duly forwarded,together with any accounts from Monthly Meetings.

Statistics and Information

No meetings for worship have been held at West Warwick,R.I. during the past year.Our members have attended a joint meeting in Providence R.I.

Albert L.Scott Jr,has finished his parole at Petersham Civilian Public Service Camp and has returned to civilian life.

Membership

Four new members have been added to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting by a transfer of membership: Ruth C.and Benjamin J.Roberts and their children Ida W. and Eliot C.Roberts. These Friends were members of Evesham Monthly Meeting in New Jersey and attended Cropwell Monthly Meeting at Marlton New Jersey. Benjamin Roberts has been recognized as a minister by South Kingstown Monthly Meeting,

Marriages

Priscilla Vickery Hall to Conover Fitch at Nahant,Mass. on 7/19/1941.

Clara Elizabeth Perry to Edward Steiner at Westerly,R.I. on 10/25/1941.

Rebecca Perry to David Lewis at Dover,Mass.on 11/1/1941.

Charles Perry to Eleanor Bigelow Butler,a member of the Providence Friends Fellowship,in Providence on 7/11/1942.

Deaths

Lydia F.Nichols died at Westerly,R.I.,8/24/1941.

Eunice B.Nichols died at Westerly,R.I.,1/28/1942.

Schools and Colleges

Public School--8
Private Day School--4
Friends Boarding Schools--6
Other Boarding Schools---3
College ---------------3
Professional School---2
Graduate Schools-------2

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at Cambridge Mass., First Month 15 th, 1943, with the Meeting for Worship with Salem Quarterly Meeting.

The following have been named by their Monthly Meetings as representatives to this meeting: Nan tucket, Anna Foster and Henry C. Foster; South Kingstown: Harvey C. Perry and Phebe F. Perry; Dartmouth, Priscilla Carter and Marian B. Goodwin. All are present except three.

A cordial greeting from this Quarterly Meeting was sent to Salem Quarterly Meeting by the hand of Thomas Perry.

The Book Committee reports that several books have been bought and will be circulated.

Priscilla P. Hall was appointed to receive money and take charge of paying for our share of the luncheon.

Henry H. Perry reported on the conference of Representatives of all Friends in New England, held in Cambridge, Eleventh Month 20th to 22nd. Millicent S. Foster was Secretary on that occasion and has circulated the minutes among our members. It is proposed to unite in a Yearly Meeting called "The New England United Yearly Meeting". All five groups in New England should proceed together and unite simultaneously. Afurther conference is planned to meet in Lynn, Mass. on Second Month 6th, in order that we may continue the discussion.

A greeting has been received from Salem Quarterly Meeting.

The first three Queries have been read in which we are reminded of our spiritual duties.

The Epistle from Sweden Yearly Meeting has been read, drawing our thoughts to Friends in those lands surrounded by great conflict.

We now adjourn proposing to meet in Fourth Month in Westerly.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at the invitation of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, in Providence, Fifth Month 1st, 1943.

The following Representatives have been appointed by their Monthly Meetings: Anna Foster, Thyra Jane Foster, Elizabeth Gidley Lane, Marian B. Goodwin, Mary H. Damerel, Alice E. Perry. Their names being called, all are present but one.

The Peace Committee reports that its members are widely scattered and are communicating by a Round Robin letter. The Committee aided the Providence Friends in arranging an open meeting at which Howard Kerschner spoke on "Feeding ~~in~~ Europe's Children."

The local Friends group is very much interested in a new C.P.S. unit situated at Howard Mental Hospital. At least 48 young Menonites have come and are interested in attending the Meeting for Worship.

The Book Committee presented copies of four new books which are to be circulated among our members.

Henry H. Perry has reported on a letter from Edward Evans of Philadelphia, suggesting that Friends have a Conference to be held at Richmond, Indiana, in the near future, to study proposed draft legislation which maybecome more stringent. It is felt that this is a very important matter and that we should encourage our Friends to join with this concern, and to attend if possible.

Millicent S. Foster has reported on our relations with other Meetings. She suggests that the Committee meet with each Monthly Meeting so as to talk over very frankly any problems that local Meetings may have in uniting with all Friends in New England. This proposal is accepted gladly and we hope to accomplish the visits before our next Quarterly Meeting.

Greetings have been sent to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in session at this time.

Henry H. Perry spoke of the concern of English Friends for a deepening of our spiritual lives by conducting Retreats. A week-end in May has been set aside for Friends all over the world to draw together in spiritual communion.

James A. Coney and Helen T. Gifford have brought greetings from the Yearly Meeting for Friends of New England and from the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

WE now adjourn, proposing to meet in North Dartmouth in Seventh Month.

Juliana R. Perry
Clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts the 17 th of Seventh Month 1943.

The clerk being absent, Millicent Foster is appointed to help the Assistant clerk.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed as their representatives, from Nantucket, Millicent Foster and Anna Foster, from North Dartmouth, Jessie Carter and John G. Wilbur, from South Kingstown, Mary H. Damerel and Phebe Perry, all of whom are present.

Henry T. Gidley, Henry C. Foster and Phebe Perry were appointed to serve as a nominating committee to bring in at our next meeting the names of those to serve as Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

The Supplementary Queries were read with answers forwarded from the several monthly meetings. The clerks are directed to prepare a suitable summary to be presented to the Yearly Meeting. We appoint the following as our representatives to the Yearly meeting: Ann G. Lowry, Thomas Perry, Henry C. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and William S. Nichols.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has suffered ths loss of an Elder, Lucy W. Foster, by death on the 7th of Second Month. The Memorial Minute prepared by that meeting has been read and united with. However, it is suggested that certain interesting facts be added. The memorial, therefore is referred back to the South Kingstown Monthly Meeting with the suggestion that they make additions or not as they feel is best. The memorial shall then be forwarded directly to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The last four General Queries were read at this time.

The Peace and Book committees had no reports to make.

One member of the Committee on Relations with Other Meetings informed us that some of our members attended the recent Yearly Meeting for Friends in New England at Ocean Park. That meeting took favorable action on the proposal for a Union of Friends in New England. Anna Foster, who attended all of the sessions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England gave an informative report of these meetings.

The Treasurer read an annual report which showed a balance of $21.44

No further business appearing, we now adjourn, proposing to meet again in First Month.

Marian B. Goodwin
Assistant Clerk.

1943 Summary of the Answers to the Supplementary Queries.

1. Anna A. Gardner, an Elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died in North Dartmouth, Mass. on the 5th of Eighth Month 1942.

2. Lucy W. Foster, an Elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died in Westerly on the 7th of Second Month 1943.

3. No new Meetings have been established during the period, and none have been discontinued. Nantucket Monthly Meeting members join Providence Friends in Meetings for Worship.

3. We are giving care to the matter of keeping our records up to date, and believe that they are accurate.

4. Financial assistance has been given where it has seemed necessary, both for Educational and other worthy purposes.

5. We endeavor to circulate helpful information in regard to educational facilities.

6. We have not known of any case of delinquency among our members.

7. The Queries are regularly read and answered according to the requirements of the Discipline.

Statistics.

Marriages.

Andrew W. Goodwin to Doris Ann [illegible], a non-member, on the 13th of Twelfth Month 1942, in New Bedford, Mass.

Elizabeth E. Gidley to Joseph Lane, a non-member, on the 28th of Third Month 1943, in NOrth Dartmouth, Mass.

Births:

Margaret Iten Scott to Albert L. Scott and Iten Noa Scott on the 21st of Ninth Month 1942.

John Wilbur Wright to Mira Tucker Wright and Wilbur Wright on the 9th of Third Month 1943, at Providence R.I.

Marjorie Anne Burgess to Ruth Carter Burgess and Robert S. Burgess on the 27th of Sixth Month 1943 at Providence R.I.

Deaths:

Charles P. Potter, Third Month 15th, 1943, in North Dartmouth, Mass.

Schools Attended:

Members attending	Public Schools	6
	Friend's Schools	5 (another will enter [illegible].)
	Other Boarding Schools	4
	Private Day School	1
	College	6 (one post grad. work)

Young Friends and the War Effort:

3	West Campton N.H. Camp for Civilian Public Service.
1	Medical Division U.S. Army
1	U.S. Army
1	R.I. Hospital Unit in India under military supervision.
1	U.S. Naval Reserve Communications.
1	Radio Operator, Merchant Marine.

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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, R.I., the 15th of First Month, 1944.

The following Representatives have been appointed by their Meetings: Nantucket, Anna Foster and Henry C. Foster, South Kingstown, Alice E. Perry and Julianna R. Perry, Dartmouth, Myra K. Wilbur and Henry T. Gidley. Their mames being called all are present but one.

The Nominating Commitee, appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting has proposed the following names: for Clerk, Julianna R. Perry; for Assistant Clerk, Marian B. Goodwin; for Treasurer, Henry T. Gidley. These names meet with the approval of the Meeting and the Friends appointed for the ensuing year.

The Book Committee recommended a book by Douglas Steere and several new pamphlets. The suggestion was made that each Monthly Meeting subscribe to the Pendle Hill Pamphlets which are published several times a year.

The Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting(General Conference) was read.

The first three Queries were read.

Our Representatives who were present gave a report of the Conference held in Cambridge, which discussed further the possibility of uniting all Friends in New England. It is hoped that this may be accomplished this year. Although we agree in principle there are many details to be worked out, especially in regard to proceedure.

Henry H. Perry read a letter from Charles Morland, Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative). Phebe F. Perry and Milicent S. Foster are appointed to assist him in composing an answer, with the authority to give the letter wider circulation if they deem it advisable.

Thyra Jane Foster reported that the three Monthly Meetings in Providence are preparing to consider uniting in a single Monthly Meeting, reporting to two Quarterly Meetings.

Thyra Jane Foster, Henry T. GIdley, A. Ethyl Foster, and Henry H. Perry are appointed a Committee to bring in suggestions for a new name for our QUarterly Meeting, when we meet next.

Henry H. Perry called our attention to the Committee on National Legislation and pointed out their need of funda.

It was suggested that the next Quarterly Meeting be held in the afternoon, but arrangements be left to the Clerk, in consultation with others, as to the time.

We now adjourn, proposing to meet in Westerly in Fourth Month if in accordance with Divine Will.

Julianna R. Perry

Clerk

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Westerly, R.I., Fourth Month 15th, 1944.

The following Representatives, all of whom are present, have been appointed by their Monthly Meetings:
Nantucket, Thyra Jane Foster and Elizabeth Foster.
North Dartmouth, Elizabeth Lane and Myra Wilbur.
South Kingstown, Mary H. Damerel and Thomas Perry.

The letters which are appended to these minutes, are presented to the Meeting for consideration.

The Meeting approves of the action taken by the members of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, and by the three Monthly Meetings in the Providence area. We welcome the newly organized Providence Monthly Meeting into fellowship with us and rejoice in the added strength which will enrich us through this wider membership.

We are grateful for the presence today of so many Friends from this new Meeting and believe that in future cooperation we will be furthering the real union of Friends in New England.

Thyra Jane Foster reported for the committee to bring in a new name for this Quarterly Meeting. Several names were proposed but none met with unqualified approval so the matter is referred back to the committee for further study.

A memorial to Thomas Pitman Nichols is presented by South Kingstown Monthly Meeting. It is approved as being most appropriate and it will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Because of the death of Henry T. Gidley, the Nominating Committee is asked to bring in a name for Treasurer.

We now adjourn, proposing to meet again at North Dartmouth in Seventh Month.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk.

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To Rhode Island and Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting.

The members of Nantucket Monthly Meeting held at West Warwick R.I. who for nine years have cooperated in fellowship and worship with Friends in and around Providence, now desire your approval of their joining the new Providence Monthly Meeting, set up Fourth Month 2, 1944.

They will add their bank account to that of the new meeting and have placed the meetings records in care of a committee.

It is their plan in so doing to suspend the activities of Nantucket Monthly Meeting untill such time as it may again become active on the Island of Nantucket, and they wish to place care of setting up such a meeting in the hands of the Quarterly Meeting.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Providence
Monthly Meeting
of
Friends

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends:

The three monthly meetings in the Providence area have agreed to unite in a new body in conformity with the general plan for the union of all Friends groups in New England, which has already received the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

Accordingly Providence Monthly Meeting, Providence Friends Fellowship Monthly Meeting and Nantucket Monthly meeting met together in Providence on the 2nd of Fourth Month and set up officers and committees for a new united organization to be known as Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We have appointed Jane Foster and Philip Gifford to lay this matter before the Quarterly Meeting and to ask for approval of our action. We also request that the Quarterly Meeting may accept the new monthly meeting into membership and grant us the privilege of sending representatives to all future Quarterly Meeting sessions.

It is our hope that in this way we may be able to strengthen our spiritual life and potentialities for good in our community.

For and on behalf of Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends.

Philip C. Gifford
Clerk

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth, Mass. on Seventh Month 15, 1944

It appears from the monthly meeting reports that the following have been appointed as representatives; whose names being called are all present but one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

Providence, Elizabeth M. Chace, Helen T. Gifford, Mary C. Foster, Willis White, Louisa White, Philip C. Gifford.

South Kingstown, Phebe F. Perry and A.Ethel Foster.

North Dartmouth, Myra K. Wilbur and Ann C. Hull.

The reading of the names from the new Providence Monthly Meeting has evoked expressions of warm appreciation of their presence amongst us and the feeling that what has been done so far augurs well for the future cooperation of Friends in New England.

The Committee in charge of the Nantucket records has explained the plan which was made by former Nantucket Monthly Meeting for their disposition. This Meeting accepts the title and guardianship of the Nantucket Monthly Meeting records and appoints Henry C. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and William O. Foster as a committee in charge of them. It also accepts the recommendation that these records be deposited with the Nantucket Historical Society on the Island of Nantucket subject to the direction of the Meeting at any future time.

We are agreed that the name of this Meeting shall be changed to Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

The Nominating Committee suggests the name of John G. Wilbur as Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting to complete the term of Henry T. Gidly deceased, which is approved.

Phebe F. Perry and Henry C. Foster are appointed as a Nominating committee to bring forward names for Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer at our next meeting.

The Supplementary Queries and Statistics have been read with answers from each Monthly Meeting, prepared by the Overseers. A summary of these is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by Ethelyn Foster, Helen T. Gifford, Albert L. Scott Jr., Louisa White, William O. Foster, Elizabeth G. Lane, whom we appoint as representatives.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informs that they have changed the name of their Monthly Meeting from Dartmouth to North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends in order to avoid confusion with the other Dartmouth Monthly Meeting which is part of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again in First Month at Providence, or at the call of the Clerk, if so permitted.

Myra Jane Foster Clerk for the day

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held First Month 20,1945 at Providence, Rhode Island.

The reports from the Monthly Meetings having been read all the representatives are present but three.
North Dartmouth, Ruth Burgess and Alice W. Gidley.
Providence, Philip C. Gifford, Helen T. Gifford, Anna Foster, Harold W. Myers, Willis H. White, George L. Wilkie, William W. Estes.
South Kingstown, Thomas Perry and Alice Edge Perry.

An informal report has been read from Robert J. Leach who took a greeting from New England Yearly Meeting to the Friends on Nantucket. He suggests that members of our Meeting plan to visit the Island of Nantucket at some time to be arranged next summer.

We have read a letter from Henry H. Perry covering correspondence with a Friend in the U.S.Army "Somewhere in France," concerning the Peace Now Movement.

The first three Queries have been read.

We now conclude, purposing to meet in Fourth Month next at Westerly, Rhode Island.

Johanna P. Perry
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held First Day, Fourth Month 22nd 1945, at Westerly, Rhode Island.

The report of the Nominating Committee has been received with approval.

For Clerk Julianna R. Perry
Assistant Clerk Philip C. Gifford
Treasurer John G. Wilbur

Reports from the three Monthly Meetings have been read. South Kingstown Meeting informs us that at the Monthly Meeting held Fourth Month 1st, 1945 the decision to accept the name of Westerly Monthly Meeting was finally accepted. Their representatives are Mary H. Damerel and Benjamin J. Roberts.

Providence, Millicent S. Foster, Goerge Wilkie, Willis H. White, Edward A. White, Elizabeth M. Chace, Henry C. Foster, Mabel McManus.

North Dartmouth, Marian B. Goodwin and Elizabeth G. Lane. All are present but five.

We appoint as our representatives to attend Yearly Meeting at Andoverin Sixth Month, Henry H. Perry, Thyra Jane Foster, Louisa White, Harvey C. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Phebe F. Perry, Ann G. Lowry.

Of the above we appoint as members of the Finance Committee Harvey C. Perry to serve for one year and Millicent S. Foster to serve for two years, and as members of the Nominating Committeeof the Yearly Meeting Phebe F. Perry to serve for one year and Ann G. Lowry to serve for two years.

Suggested report inthe form of a letter to New England Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

The minutes of the previous Meeting have been read and approved.

Reports on the spiritual condition of our Monthly Meetings have been read and the clerk is directed to forward the Westerly report with a summary of the North Dartmouth report to the Yearly Meeting.

Henry C. Foster reported on Nantucket Monthly Meeting records. Robert Hazelton had them microfilmed and they are available at the Rhode Island Historical Society. The actual records in 24 volumes are in the fire proof vault of the Nantucket Historical Society. It is suggested that a member of our Quarterly Meeting join Nantucket Historical Society, the dues to be paid from Meeting funds.

Jane Foster states it is proposed to hold a special meeting on Nantucket next summer in charge of Thomas Drake. "Mainlanders" are invited.

Three Queries have been read.

A summary of the statistical reports from the Monthly Meetings has been prepared and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We now conclude, purposing to meet in North Dartmouth Massachusetts in Seventh Month.

Julianna R. Perry Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth, Mass., Seventh Month 21st, 1945.

The Clerks being absent, Thyra Jane Foster is appointed Clerk and MarianB. Goodwin Assistant Clerk, for the day.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings, the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting;
Westerly, Alice E. Perry and Patricia Perry.
North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley and John G. Wilbur.
Providence, H. Seymour Wiley, Martha Metz, Helen T. Gifford, Robert Hazelton, and Philip C. Gifford, all of whom are present but three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been given.

Millicent Foster informs us that all of those appointed as representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended at least a part of the time.

A minute for our Friend Kenneth B. Crooks, Headmaster of Happy Grove School and pastor of Seaside Friends Church, from Jamaica Yearly Meeting of Friends in session 3.5.1945, at Hectors River, Jamaica, has been read; also a letter from Seaside Meeting of Friends in Jamaica 6.18.1945. We are grateful for the presence of this Friend amongst us, and for his message, and hope that our minds and spirits may be sensitized towards his work and those whom he represents.

Mary Jane Cope of South Amherst Mass., who is the oldest member of North Dartmouth meeting has sent a message of love to us at this time. The Clerk is directed to send a message of love in return, and also one to the Philip Gifford family who are unable to attend because of illness.

We are agreed to hold our next Quarterly Meeting at Westerly in Tenth Month, and in First Month it will be in Providence.

The 8th,9th, and 10th Queries from the New England Y.M. Book of Discipline have been read.

In the Meeting for Worship, in this small Meeting House, apart from the noise and bustle, we were reminded of a sense of security, which is not falseif centred in God. We thought of those who had gone out on missions from this place; of that "queerness" that comes from a sense of having a work to do. We were urged not to fall back and be satisfied without having a work to do.

We now adjourn purposing to meet again at Westerly in Tenth Month if so permitted.

Thyra Jane Foster

Clerk for the day.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, Tenth Month 20,1945.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following Friends as representatives to this meeting;
Westerly, Mary H. Damerel and Phebe F. Perry
North Dartmouth, Myra Wilbur and Marian B. Goodwin
Providence, Helen T. Gifford, Henry C. Foster,
Philip C. Gifford, Sarah Gallagher.
All are present.

The attention of the Meeting has been called to Minute 49 of the Minutes of New England Yearly Meeting for 1945. The Budget for Activities is $ 6,775.00. The Assessment for Yearly Meeting Activities is $ 2,075.00 of which Narragansett Quarter is asked to pay 3% or about $62.00. To quote from the report; "It is recommended that the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for the Yearly m Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded one-half by Tenth Month and one-half by Fourth Month, through the Quarterly Meetings."

Henry C. Foster, Thomas Perry, and John G. Wilbur are appointed to study the situation and report to the next Quarterly Meeting.

The first three queries have been read.

We now adjourn, proposing to meet in Providence in First Month next.

Juliana R. Perry
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence, R. I. First Mo. 19th 1946

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following Friends as representatives to this meeting:
Westerly: Phebe F. Perry, Mary H. Damerel.
North Dartmouth: Jessie G. Carter, Harry S. Goodwin.
Providence: John H. Foster, Willis H. White, George Wilkie.
All are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The matter of the Quarterly Meeting responsibility for its share of the Yearly Meeting financial obligations was discussed. The clerk was authorized to request each Monthly Meeting treasurer to forward to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer the sum of $21.00 which makes up this Quarter's share of the assessment for Yearly Meeting Activities.

The finance committee (Henry Foster, Thomas Perry, John Wilbur) was requested to give further study to the Budget for Activities and to supply the Monthly Meetings with information as to money needed for this purpose.

Phebe F. Perry informed the Meeting that the Westtown School Alumni Association has funds available for scholarship purposes for some suitable young person resident in New England who might wish to attend this school. The applicant need not necessarily be a Friend.

Queries 4-5-6 were read.

The Meeting was informed that Brooke Anderson would speak on the work of the American Friends Service Committee at the afternoon session.

There was some discussion as to how the meeting could best implement its stand on several matters growing out of a concern for a more Chritian way of life which developed in the meeting for worship. Among these matters were opposition to a state lottery and more support for the work of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee. James Coney gave a report of the last session of this committee and referred especially to work which was being done in helping Conscientious Objectors who are now being released from Civilian Public Service and in the distribution of peace literature. The Meeting seemed to be united in feeling that all its individual members should give serious consideration to these matters.

The Meeting then adjourned, purposing to meet in Westerly in the Fourth Month, if consistent with the Divine will.

Philip C. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Fourth Month 20th, 1946, at Westerly, R.I.

Thyra Jane Foster was appointed Recording Clerk for the day.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings, the following Friends have been appointed to this meeting as Representatives: Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley, Jessie G. Carter; Providence, Elizabeth M. Chace, Millicent S. Foster, and Edward H. White; Westerly, Mary H. Damerel and Phebe F. Perry, all of whom a are present, but three.

Henry C. Foster reported for the committee on Finances. Each Monthly Meetingis to pay one third of the Quarterly Meeting quota of the Assessment for Yearly Meeting Expenses. Any further contributions the meeting wishes to make may be "earmarked" as Friends wish.

The Statistics have been read and will be sent up to the Yearly Meeting. These included special statistics on our 55 men who were of an age to come under the Draft Law. The answers to the Supplementary Queries will also be forwarded.

We appoint the following as Representatives to Yearly Meeting:

Harvey C. Perry, Finance Committee for 2 years
Thyra Jane Foster, Nominating Committee for 2 years
Patricia Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Henry C. Foster, Jessie G. Carter, Philip C. Gifford.

Several epistles and letters have been received from many groups who formerly corresponded with New England Yearly Meeting. Epistles from London and North Carolina Yearly Meetings have been read. Aletter from Catherine S. Ludlow of the Fritchley General Meeting England, has been read, as has also an epistle from that meeting addressedto New England Yearly Meeting. We are encouraged in these letters in the steps we have taken in joining all Friends in New England, and appreciate the sympathic attitude which these other Friends have taken.

Henry H. Perry and Jessie G. Carter have been appointed a committee to acknowledge all of these letters.

It has been called to our attentoin that the Young Friends Committee would be glad to have a contribution from the Quarterly Meeting to help defray their expenses at Yearly Meeting. Since our Meeting has no funds to draw upon, it has been decided to ask each Monthly Meeting to forward contributions to the Treasurer for this purpose.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet in North Dartmouth in Seventh Month next.

Johanna P. Perry
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held atN North Dartmouth, Mass. on Seventh Month 20th, 1946

The following Friends have been appointed as representatives to this meeting:

North Dartmouth, Myra K. Wilbur and Ruth C. Burgess.
Westerly, Patricia Perry and Harvey C. Perry.
Providence, Mary C. Foster, Elizabeth Munroe, Thyra Jane Foster, Barbara White and Ruth C. Burgess.
All are present but two.

The minutes of the preceding meeting are approved.

Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends has presented a minute in behalf of Mary C. Foster who has expressed a concern to visit Ohio Yearly Meeting to be held at Stillwater, Ohio, Eighth Month 31st to Ninth Month 4th, 1946.

This Meeting unites with the concern and endorses the minute gladly. Mary C. Foster travels with our good wishes, and takes our sincere greetings to Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Millicent S. Foster reported on our recent Yearly Meeting. The major committees of the Yearly Meeting want committees in the local Meetings to cooperate with them. Friendship is continuing to develop in cooperation in committee work, the groundwork for which was laid last year. A central office which is to be established in Cambridge, should be helpful in unifying and strengthening the work of the Yearly Meeting. The activities of our Yearly Meeting should be better known by us and their requirements supported. We might have a conference to consider these concerns at some future Quarterly Meeting.

Henry C. Foster, a member of the Finance Committee, has reported that our Quarterly Meeting percentage has been raised from 3% to 5%. A discussion of the distribution of funds followed. The matter is left in the hands of the Monthly Meeting Treasurers and the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer, with the request that they report to the next Quarterly Meeting.

The last four Queries have been read.

A concern has been expressed that we have more than the usual Quarterly Meeting in Tenth Month. It is suggested that we use the week-end in an effort to deepen our spiritual lives by a conference or perhaps a "Retreat".

The following committee is appointed to take the matter under advisement and plan for such an occasion as way opens.

Julianna R. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Henry H. Perry, Philip C. Gifford, Ruth C. Burgess, and Myra K. Wilbur.

We now conclude, to meet again at Westerly in Tenth Month if so permitted.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Tenth Month 19th,1946, at Westerly, R.I.

The Assistant Clerk being absent, Anna Foster is appointed for the day.

The following Friends have been appointed as representatives to this Meeting:
Westerly, Thomas Perry and Mary H. Damerel.
North Dartmouth, Myra K. Wilbur and Elizabeth G. Lane.
Providence,Thyra Jane Foster, Ralph Smith, Phebe MacClelland, and Ruth C. Burgess.
All are present except two.

A letter was read from Mary C. Foster expressing her satisfaction at having made the visit to Ohio Yearly Meeting for which minutes were given her from Providence Monthly meeting and fr from this Meeting. Although a return minute was not given her, she received a personal letter from Charles P. Morlan, Clerkof Ohio Yearly Meeting, together with the Yearly Meeting Epistle to Friends in America, and one to "the Yearly Meetings with which we Correspond". The reading of these has drawn us into a warm feeling of fellowship with our Friends in Ohio and the Clerk is directed to make a suitable reply to Charles P. Morlan, without however, making it an official communication from this Meeting.

North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has asked this Meeting to prepare a memorial for our dear member, Jessie Gidley Carter. Phebe F. Perry, Katherine W. Foster and Anne C. Lowry are appointed for tis service.

A Nominating Committee composed of Thomas Perry, Harvey C. Perry and Thyra Jane Foster are asked to bring in names for clerks at our next meeting.
The first three Queries have been read.

Our Meeting has been greatly enriched by the presence of Howard Brinton and others attending the Retreat which was suggested at our last Meeting. Sixteen Friends from various New EnglandMeetings have met for two days of quiet living together, and return to their home Meetings with a deepened sense of fellowship.

We now adjourn to meet in Providence In First Month next.

Juliana R. Perry
Clerk.

Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence R.I. onFirst Month 18,1947.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following as Representatives

Westerly, Phebe F. Perry and Mary H. Damerel
North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley
Providence, Helen T. Gifford, Ruth D. White, Ernest Snow and William O. Foster

All are present but one.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

The Committee to study the appropriation for Yearly Meeting funds is continued with authority to consult the Narragansett members of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee.

The Nominating Committee appointed at our last meeting presents the following names of persons to serve for one year:

Clerk, Julianna R. Perry
Assistant Clerk, Philip C. Gifford
Treasurer, John G. Wilbur.

The Meeting approves these names and the Friends are asked to serve.

The Clerk asked if the Meeting thought it necessary for Quarterly Meeting notices to be mailed each time. After some discussion it is decided to have the information given out through the Monthly Meetings.

A memorial to Mary Jessie Gidley Carter, a beloved Elder of North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has been read. It is approved and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We welcome Cecil Henshaw, who is visiting Friends in New England. He will speak to us after lunch

The 4th-5th-6th Queries have been read.

We now adjourn, to meet in Westerly in Fourth Month.

Julianna R Perry
Clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, R.I. the 19th of Fourth Month, 1947.

The Assistant Clerk being absent, Thyra Jane Foster is appointed for the day.The names of Friends appointed as representatives to this Meeting from the Monthly Meetings have been read and are as follows;

North Dartmouth Marian B. Goodwin, Elizabeth G. Lane.
Providence, Elizabeth M. Chace, Harold Myers, Phoebe Ann McClelland.
Westerly, Phebe F. Perry, Marjorie B. Taylor.
All are present but one.

The Clerk has sent cards to all members on her list stating the dates of future Quarterly Meetings. She requests that names and addresses of new members be sent to her.

The Treasurer's report has been fead, showing a balance of$63.14 Since there is still doubt as to the way in which our contributions are made to the Yearly Meeting,it is suggested that the Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings meet at the call of the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer to work out details before Yearly Meetinf in Sixth Month.

A letter from Phoebe Ann McClelland was read in behalf of Young Friends expenses for Yearly Meeting. They expect to need more than the $ 600.00 contributed last year. The first named Representatives for each Monthly Meeting is appointed to receive contributions.

James Coney, who is acceptably with us,has laid the matter of an Equalization Fund for enabling adult Friends to attend, who should not pay the $22.50 for the week of Yearly Meeting. Individual contributions are requested.

A letter from Laura E. Jones in the interest of Christian Home Life has been read. Elizabeth Foster is named to receive literature and communications on this subject.

Arthur Jones has called to our attention "To Whom Much is Given" a book on stewardship, a copy of which is in the hands of the Clerk.

Statistics for the year and reports from each Monthly Meeting on the spiritual condition of our Meetings have been presented. A summary of these will be sent to the Yearly Meeting.

A letter from Devere and Marie Allen has been received. They are about to sail for Europe, and in the course of their travels they expect to visit Friends Meetings. They request a Minute from this Meeting to carry with them. We unite with their concern, and Phebe F. Perry and Julianna R. Perry are appointed a committee to prepare and send such a letter. Anycontributions for their work may be given to the Clerk to be forwarded.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are appointed as follows;
Finance Committee for two years, Henry C. Foster

Nominating Committee for two years, Phebe F. Perry
Also:
Ann G. Lowry, Nancy Taylor, Thomas Perry, Marian Goodwin Helen T. Gifford.

The last four Queries have been read.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet in North Dartmouth in Seventh Month.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk

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At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth, Mass. the 19th of Seventh Month, 1947.

The names of the representatives from the Monthly Meetings are as follows;

Westerly, Phebe F. Perry and Mary H. Damerel.
North Dartmouth, Ruth C. Burgess and Alice W. Gidley.
Providence, Anna Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Rudolph Metz and Ruth C. Burgess.
All are present but two.

Millicent S. Foster, Louisa White and Phebe F. Perry have given informal reports on the recent Yearly Meeting held at Andover Mass. We should do more to secure a wider attendance. If the present location is keeping people away the Meeting should be held elsewhere. The Equalization Fund should be more generally used.

Millicent S. Foster has reported on a trip which she and Marjorie Williams took to Wahington at the request of the Yearly Meeting. They went to interview Congressmen on the Bill ~~for~~ to oppose conscription. Raymond Wilson opened the way for them, and they talked with all the Rhode Island Congressmen and most of those from Massachusetts. In the interviews they made an effort to get the discussion off the level of expediency and on to the level of constuctive world statesmanship. They were very considerately received, and felt that in some instances they had made a valuable impression.

The first three Queries have been read.

Robert J. Leach, who is spending the summer on Nantucket, reports that there is a fairly active Meeting for Worship there during the summer months. He would like to see the Nantucket Monthly Meeting revived, and feels that this Meeting might be helpful in that direction. He has had some difficulty in using the Meeting records which were put in the care of the Nantucket Historical Society.

A Committee to consult with Nantucket Friends has been appointed as follows; Henry C. Foster, Julianna R. Perry and Albert W. Scott Jr. and John G. Wilbur.

Ann Flag has reported on the Young Friends Conference held at Richmond, Ind. She was one of ten Young Friends sent from our Yearly Meeting. There were over 400 present and all but one Yearly Meeting in the U.S. was represented. About 30 foreign Friends attended.

It is called to our attention that Mary Foster, Harold Burnham and Phoebe Ann McClelland are on ~~Peace Caravans~~ Intervisitation Tour this summer.

We now adjourn, to meet in Westerly in Tenth Month.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Tenth Month 18th, 1947.

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings are as follows:

Providence, Anna Foster, Emma MacClelland, John Alford.
North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley and Myra K. Wilbur.
Westerly, Thomas Perry and Marjorie B. Taylor.
All are present.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Marian B. Goodwin is appointed for the day.

Henry C. Foster has made a report on the visit of the Committee to Nantucket. On Eighth Month 9th, Henry and Jane Foster, Harvey and Julianna Perry, Iten Scott and Marian B. Goodwin were entertained by Friends on Nantucket. The next day after Meeting for Worship there was an informal discussion and the sense of the Meeting seemed to be that the group was satisfied to carry on as at present. They do not wish to organize in any way, but seemed grateful for our interest, and appreciated our visit. The question of the records was not taken up.

A card fom Robert J. Leach suggests that this Meeting appoint a Curator or a committee of curators for the records on Nantucket. Julianna and Harvey Perry are asked to contact Thomas Drake and to look into the matter and bring recommendations to this Meeting.

Aletter from Devere Allen, now in Geneva, has been read. The Meeting is interested in the work of our Friend and asks the Clerk to send a message of loving greeting to Marie and Devere Allen.

Elise Thomsen, a Danish Friend who is with us today has presented a minute from her Yearly Meeting. We welcome her and send by her a message of love and friendship to Denmark Yearly Meeting.

The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Queries have been read.

We now adjourn, to meet in Providence in First Month.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk

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At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held at Providence Rhode Island, First Month 17th, 1948.

The following Friends are named as representatives from their Monthly Meetings:

North Dartmouth, Ruth Carter Burgess and Marian B. Goodwin.
Westerly, Mary H. Damerel and Phebe F. Perry.
Providence, Ruth C. Burgess, Anna Foster, Warren Howe and Harold Myers.

Julianna R. Perry reports that she and Harvey C. Perry consulted with Thomas E. Drake about the records on Nantucket. They recommend that Thomas E. Drake and Dorothy S. Richmond be appointed curators of the records. The Meeting approves these names and asks the Clerk to notify the Friends of their appointment.

A report from Albert Scott on the group of Friends on Martha's Vineyard has been read. There are about 15 regular attenders to the Meetings and frequent guests in summer. They are interested in bridging the gaps between racial and social groups on the island.

The following Friends are appointed a Nominating Committee to bring in names forclerks at our next meeting: Henry C. Foster, Philip C. Gifford, Marian B. Goodwin and Phebe F. Perry.

Millicent S. Foster read a letter from the Peace and Service Committee of the Friend's General Conference of Philadelphia, asking us to oppose the Universal Training Bill. She presented the draft of a letter which the Meeting approves and requests the Clerk to send copies to the Presedent, the Senators from Rhode Island and Massachusetts, the Congressmen from Rhode Island, the five members of the House Rules Committee, the Providence Journal and the Westerly Sun.

James A. Coney is a welcome visitor to this Meeting. He brings us an appeal for increased support of Friend's Missions. Local Meetings in New England are being revitalized by the world program in which they share.

The Meeting is informed that Andover Academy will be available for Yearly Meeting Sixth Month 22nd to 27th. We approve of taking advantage of these later dates.

The 7th, 8th, and 9th Queries have been read.

We now adjourn, to meet in Fourth Month if in accordance with Divine Will.

Julianna R. Perry

Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held at Westerly, R.I.

Fourth Month 17, 1948.

The following Friends are named as representatives from their Monthly Meetings:

Westerly, Mary M. Longfellow and MaryH. Damerel.
North Dartmouth, Elizabeth G. Lane and Ann G. Lowry.
Providence, Anna Foster, Louisa White, Gharles Hutton, and Thyra Jane Foster.

All are present but three.

Henry C. Foster and Phebe F. Perry are appointed a nominating committee to bring in names for clerks, at our next meeting.

The letter which was sent to the President and eleven Senators and Congressmen has been read and approved.

We are pleased to welcome James A. Coney and his message to us. In this time of world tension the Society of Friends may have a mission to do some outstanding work. If we walk in Divine love a sense of direction will be given us.

A letter from Jamaica has been received, inviting this Meeting to participate in the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Happy Grove School to be held Seventh Month 10th, 1948. The Clerk is directed to write a suitable reply.

The statistics for the year 1947 have been read. We have 270 members, a gain of 4. 162 Resident members and 108 Non-Resident. 30 under the age of 21.

The reports of the spiritual condition of our Monthly Meetings has been read with interest. The Clerk will prepare a resume to be forwarded to the coming Yearly Meeting.

The first three Queries have been read.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet in Noth Dartmouth in Seventh Month.

Julianna R. Perry

Clerk.

At a special meeting of Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held Fifth Month 1st, at Providence , R.I.

The following representatives were appointed to the New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Andover, Mass. Sixth Month 22nd to 27th,1948;

Thyra Jane Fostef   Nominating Committee for two years
Harvey C. Perry   Finance Committee for two years.
Marian B. Goodwin
Patricia Perry
Mary H. Damerel   alternate, Charles Perry
Sarah Gallagher
Ruth White

There being no other business we now adjourn.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth, Mass., Seventh Month 17th, 1948.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following Friends as representatives to this Meeting:
North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley and Marian B Goodwin
Westerly, Alice E. Perry and Phebe F. Perry
Providence, Mary Flagg, Martha Metz and Helen T. Gifford
All are present.

The Nominating Committee has no report to make at this time, but asks to be continued.

The report of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee with the budget for the coming year has been read. The assessment for Yearly Meeting Expenses ammounts to $2.30 per member. Providence Monthly Meeting contributes through Rhode Island Quarter.

Ina discussion of the Tenth Month Meeting , interest is shown in having a speaker with a discussion period or conference afterward. The Clerks, Helen T. Gifford and Louisa White are appointed to suggest a program.

Reports of Yearly Meeting have been given by the Clerk, Phebe F. Perry, Thyra Jane Foster, Helen T. Gifford, Philip C.Gifford, Louisa White and others.

The 4th,5th, and6th Quieries have been read.

We now adjourn, to meet in Westerly in Tenth Month.

Julianna R. Perry
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, by request of Westerly Friends,Tenth Month 16,1948.Because of lack of heat the meeting was held at the home of Elizabeth Chace instead of at the meeting house.

The clerks being absent,Thyra Jane Foster is appointed as clerk for the day and Thomas Perry as assistant clerk.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings show that the representatives from Dartmouth are Myra Wilbur and Marian Goodwin from Westerly, Mary Damerel and Thomas Perry,from Providence,Emma MacClelland and Elizabeth Chace and George Deckey.all of whom are present but one who is prevented from attending by illness.

The Nominating Committee not being ready to report,the meeting offers the suggestion that Henry C.Foster be appointed as clerk,Phebe F.Perry as assistant clerk and Thomas Perry as treasurer.This is approved and they are appointed for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The plan to ask Henry Perry to report on his recent visit in Europe at our next meeting was agreeable to this meeting.

The queries,from six to ten ,have been read at this time.

With thankfulness that we have again been permitted to meet together under the shadow of Divine love,we conclude,to meet in Providence in First Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster
Clerk for the Day

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held the 15th of First Month,1949 in Providence.By the accounts from the Monthly Meetings Alice Gidley and Ruth Burgess from Dartmouth,Louisa White,Sarah Gallagher,Millicent Foster and Eunice MacClelland from Providence, Alice Perry and Phebe Perry from Westerly are representatives to this meeting.Their names being called,all are present except two.

James Coney,who has been most acceptably with us at this time,spoke of the supplement to the Report of the Committee to Study the Proposed Discipline for New England Yearly Meeting and urged all meetings to read and discuss the Report.He urged Friends to pay their obligations to the Yearly Meeting promptly,in order to make the duties of the treasurer easier.

Franklin Pineo,treasurer of the New England branch of the American Friends' Service Committee,reported on the personnel of the newly re-organized committee .Betty Fernald will work with young people,George Bliss is in general charge,and Franklin Pineo acts as financial secretary.The international situation,particularly in Palestine where the Service Committee has been asked by the United

Nations to take charge of Arab Relief,is more than ordinarily tense and difficult.The needs of refugees in southern Palestine were outlined along with the danger and responsibility resting upon our workers there. In China,in Germany,and in other centers the work goes on,while in this country peace and inter-racial work,through seminars,and work-camps are increasingly needed.Young men of Draft age in New England, who are in need of advice are urged to consult the Service Committee. Franklin Pineo emphasized the duty which is laid upon us because we bear the name of Quaker to carry on in the spirit of good-will and fair mindedness which the world expects of us.It was explained that all contributions to the Service Committee go into the main office at Philadeplhia and from there are allocated to the various branches and projects.Therefore,money may be sent direct to Philadelphia or to Cambridge,whence it will be forwarded.

Five of the proposed queries for the new Discipline have been have beeh read at this time.

No further business coming to our attention at this time,we adjourn to meet in Westerly in Fourth Month .

Henry C. Foster
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 16th of Fourth Month,1949 the following Friends were appointed to attend this meeting as representatives from North Dartmouth,Marian B.Goodwin and John G.Wilbur;from Providence, Elsa Meuser,Martha Metz,Henry C.Foster,Thyra Jane Foster;from Westerly,Mary H.Damerel,Harvey C.Perry.Their names have been called and all are present but two.

A letter from Robert Owen,of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee,states that our financial quota to the Yearly Meeting has been paid for the year.

The reports on the spiritual condition of the three Monthly Meetings were read to this meeting.The clerk is authorized to summarize these reports and forward them to the Yearly Meeting.

The summary of the statistical reports of the three Monthly Meetings was read,accepted and ordered forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Nominations for representatives to the Yearly Meeting are as follows:To the Finance Committee,Henry C.Foster.To the Nominating Committee,Phebe F.Perry.Representatives at large are:Julianna R.Perry,Ann Lowry,Millicent Foster and Patricia Perry.

Patricia Perry spoke for the Young Friends of the Yearly Meeting asking for funds to help Young Friends attend Yearly Meeting and to bring a Young Friend from Europe to visit meetings in New England.Marian Goodwin from North Dartmouth,Rudolph Metz from Providence and Patricia Perry from Westerly are appointed to receive funds for this purpose from the several Monthly Meetings.

The Queries from the Five Year Meeting Discipline beginning with the sixth have been read.

It was announced that Henry J.Cadbury will speak at Providence Meeting House First Day morning,Fourth Month 24th at IO o'clock and again in the after-noon at two.Dr.Alexander Burgess will speak Fourth Month 28th at the same place following a supper on work in Europe with refugee doctors.

It has been a great privelege to have James Coney and Moses Bailey with us at this time.Their presence has been an inspiration and encouragement to us.We are looking forward to hearing Moses Bailey recount his recent experiences in Palestine this afternoon.

We adjourn to meet in the Seventh Month at North Dartmouth.

Clerk. Henry C. Foster

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held Seventh Month I6, I949 at North Dartmouth, Mass. The clerk being absent Phebe F. Perry, the assistant clerk,served in his place and Thyra Jane Foster served as recording clerk.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the following were appointed as representatives to this meeting: Dartmouth, Elizabeth G. Lane, Alice W. Gidley; Westerly,Patricia Perry and Elizabeth F. Steiner; Providence,Henry Foster and Philip Gifford.All were present but one.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting,appointed at our last session,were in attendance with one exception.

A letter from the Yearly Meeting treasurer, Ernest Ainsworth, informs us that our quota for the Yearly Meeting is $445.06 in a total budget of $79II.I2. It is recommended that the Monthly Meeting clerks be informed by the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting of this amount which is to be paid in three equal installments due Ninth Month Ist.,Twelfth Month Ist., and Fourth Month Ist.As Providence Monthly Meeting belongs to two Quarterly Meetings,their membership has been halved and added to each meeting and their quota is halved accordingly.Paul Butterworth, a member of the Yearly Meeting Stewardship Committee, has prezented the question of our funds to us at this time, which service we appreciate. We note also the presence of Libby Butterworth from Hartford and Mary C. Steer who were with us.

The value of the Central Office in Cambridge in relieving James Coney, our Field Secretary, of certain clerical duties and in making our committee work more effective has been noted.

Albert L. Scott Jr. has reported on the meetings held on Martha' Vineyard both last year and this with an attendance in 1948 of from three to nineteen persons. Robert Leach, also from Martha's Vineyard, states that the meeting on Nantucket has been held last summer and this with an attendance of from thirty to sixty persons.

Queries from one to six have been read.

It is decided to hold both the Tenth Month and First Month Quarterly Meetings in Providence. Fourth Month's will be in Westerly and Seventh Month's in North Dartmouth.

Patricia Perry has told of the Young Friends' Caravan which travelled in New England following Yearly Meeting. It was made up of Ulrich Beiss, a young Friend from Germany who has been assisted in coming to America this summer to work with Young Friends' groups, Chris Rosenblatt, and Patricia Perry.

We now adjourn purposing to meet in Providence in the Tenth Month if so permitted.

Phebe F. Perry
Clerk-for-the-day.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held Tenth Month 15th 1949 The clerk of this meeting being absent, Phebe F. Perry served as clerk with Thyra Jane Foster as recording clerk.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the following are appointed as representatives to this meeting: Dartmouth, Elizabeth G. Lane and Alice W. Gidley; Westerly, DeVere Allen and Nancy B. Taylor; Providence, L. Ralston Thomas and Louise Cool and Ruth D. B. White. All are present but one.

Our quota for the Yearly Meeting, due Ninth Month 1st, has been forwarded by the Quarterly Meeting treasurer.

An epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting, addressed to this meeting, has been read.

Our friend, DeVere Allen, calls attention to the fact that Conscientious Objectors in this country are being given unequal treatment in the different states, being held for years in some places and released promptly in others. He feels that we should use our influence to get common care for all. He also brought to our attention the problem of the D. P.s in Germany where there has recently been a large influx of Sudeten Germans from Czechoslovakia. We are giving aid at the same time when we are tearing down factories so that they cannot support themselves. He told of the new newssheet, called the World Interpreter, which is soon to be launched by Marie Allen and himself. We greatly appreciate having DeVere and Marie Allen with us at this time.

The Queries,seven ,eight and nine,have been read at this time.

Adjourned to meet in Providence in First Month next if so permitted.

Phebe F. Perry
Clerk-for-the-day.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held the 2Ist of First Month I950. By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting are:Marion B. Goodwin,Ruth C. Burgess, Marjorie B. Taylor, Patricia Perry, Anna Foster, Ambrose W. Meyers, Ralph W. Smith,~~and~~ Helen T. Gifford and Phoebe Mungo. Their names have been called and all are present but one.

The report of Thomas Perry, treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, from I2th Month I6th, I948, to Ist Month 2Ist,I950, has been read,showing a balance on hand in New Bedford Institution for Savings of $I28.05. All assessments to the Yearly Meeting have been paid to date with one assessment for May 3I, I950 of $42.60 yet to be paid.

A minute adopted by Providence Monthly Meeting and sent to this meeting for its consideratuion has been read.It deals with the conscern of Friends of that meeting for greater interest on the part of New England Friends in the schools under the care of the Yearly Meeting.We are all urged to help the schools attain those objectives of scholarship,high moral standards and thorough preparation for life which our Society has always held to be most important. After some discussion,it was decided to postpone final consideration of, and action upon, this minute until the Quarterly Meeting in the Fourth Month.

The first three queries have been read at this time. The first query was especially brought to our attention, with its stress upon the need for turning to God for help in meeting our every day problems.

We conclude, intending to meet in 4th Month at Westerly.

Henry C. Foster
Clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly on Fourth Month I5th I950. By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the following Friends are appointed as representatives to this meeting:From Providence.Katherine B. Perry,Louisa White,Helen Burgess, Robert Cool;from North Dartmouth,Wendell Hewson,Alice Gidley;from Westerly,Marjorie B. Taylor,Julianna Perry.Their names being called all are present but one.

Thomas Perry gave the treasurer's report which is as follows: All assessments have been paid to the Yearly Meeting with $I00.00 extra sent by Westerly Monthly Meeting to the Assessed Budget.

Providence Monthly Meeting presented a concern in written form for the schools under the care of the Yearly Meeting. This concern has been united with and it is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration.

Reports on the Spiritual condition of the several Monthly Meetings have been read and a summary report will be sent to the Yearly Meeting. Statisics of Monthly Meeting memberships have been read and will be sent to the Yearly Meeting.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are as follows:

Finance Committee-Harvey C. Perry
Nominating Committee-Ruth C. Burgess
Julianna R. Perry
Helen T. Gifford
Ralph Smith,
Marian B. Goodwin
Anna Foster

Queries four. five and six have been read at this time

Adjourned to met in Noth Dartmouth in Seventh Month next.

Julianna R. Perry, Recording Clerk for the day.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends, 7/15/1950.
By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives to attend this Meeting are: from Providence, Martha H Metz, Louisa White, William O Foster. From Westerly, Julianna R Perry, Harvey C Perry. From North Dartmouth, John G Wilbur, Helen Hiller/ All are present.

The minutes of Fourth Month were read and it was learned that all of the representatives named to attend Yearly Meeting, in Sixth month, attended.

The clerk asked Friends to name a committee to bring forward names in Tenth Month of clerks for this Meeting. Named for this service are Millicent S Foster, Julianna R Perry.

Queries 7,8, 9 have been read and considered at this time.

Alice Howland Macomber presented a letter, dated 1816, that she felt would be of interest to this Meeting. Following the War of 1812, it was explained, was known as the "era of friendly feeling and other background details were given of this period. The letter came from Ohio Friends-addressed "to the Womens Meeting of Rhode Island Yearly Meeting to be held in Newport Rhode Island". We have found it to be of real interest to us.

Friends who attended Yearly Meeting in Andover Mass reported on various items of business of the week: Friends Schools, the action closing Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Friends activities with the N E Y M-releasing that group to Damascus Ohio Yearly Meeting if accepted; recording the spirit of wholesome fellowship throughout the session, expressed as "full of courage, optimism, with emphasis on the concern for the Local Meeting. The financial development on the Yearly Meeting level was reported whereby members contribute to one budget for all purposes, the setting-up of a new Yearly Meeting Advisory Committee. The responsibility of this Committee is to have oversight of the activities of the three secretaries. These secretaries will be of assistance in connection with any of the problems of the Local Meetings.

Thomas Perry presented the treasurers report for the Narragansett Quarterly Meeting with a balance as of 7/15/1950 of $ 65.78.

With the withdrawing of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting it was thought advisable to name a committee to consider the Quarterly Meeting status of this area, it is as follows: Julianna R Perry, Martha H Metz, Philip C Gifford, John G Wilbur, T Jane Foster.

The clerks are directed to send a friendly letter to Friends in Hartford, Conn, at the time of the formal dedication of their new Meetinghouse in the Fall.

A serious concern was expressed as to how Friends can know the true facts regarding the world situation today. The immediate answer growing out of the discussion seemed to be to avail ourselves of the material sent out by the Friends Com. on Legislation and the members of the Peace Committee present hope that their Committee can offer further sources of accurate information. We record the helpful presence of Russell D and Barbara Brooks, Elizabeth Smiley from Montclair N.J. meeting, Ethel Fry and Grace Rostrum from Fall River Meeting and Charles, Ida Messner and Ella Butler from New Bedford Meeting. Adjourned to meet in Providence in Tenth Month.

Recording Clerk for the day
Helen T Gifford

Helen T. Gifford

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held Tenth Month 21st 1950 at Providence R. I.,By account from the Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives to this meeting are as follows: Providence,Mary White Flagg,Elizabeth Gifford, William Foster,Robeert Burgess;from North Dartmouth,Wendell Hewson, Elizabeth Lane,Julia Hewson,Helen Hiller;from Westerly,Thomas Perry, Phebe Perry.All were present except one.

Thyra Jane Foster reported for the committee on the joining of the two Rhode Island quarterly meetings that the matter is still in the hands of the court,pending the decision of the court in regard to the funds of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

The report of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee has been read giving the budget of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year. Final payments to the Yearly Meeting Fund,collected by voluntary payments of members through their Monthly Meetings ,should be paid by May 15th of each year.

The treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting reported that the balance in the treasury remained the same as at our last session.The Othniel Tripp Fund, by court decree, now has as its income beneficiary Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Friends in place of the original beneficiary, New England Yearly Meeting of Friends (prior to the merger of 1945).

A letter as printed in the Friends' Intelligencer was read, expressing the point of view of a young,recently convinced Friend who,having served in the recent war and in Korea, urges Friends to take a more active and radical stand against all war.

The nominating committee of the Quarterly Meeting made the following report:with which the meeting united:

Robert Burgess-Clerk
Phebe Perry- Ass'tor Recording Clerk
Thomas Perry Treasurer

The Queries have been read and considered.

Phebe F. Perry.
Recording Clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held the 20th of First Month 1951 at Providence, R. I. The accounts from the Monthly Meetings state that the representatives to this meeting are:Wendell Hewson and Alice W. Gidley from North Dartmouth; Carol Kellom, William Foster and Sarah Gallagher from Providence; Thomas Perry and Marjorie B. Taylor from Westerly. They were all present except two who were prevented from attending by illness. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The clerk read a letter from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting which contained minutes of that meeting expressing its readiness to merge its Quarterly Meeting with that of the Narragansett Quarter. This meeting unites with the desire of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the merging of the two meetings and authorizes its committee,already appointed, to work toward that end.

Russell Brooks, who is most acceptably with us at this time, extended an invitation from his meeting to hear Dorothy Steere talk at Woonsocket on First Month 22nd on the work of the Servoce Committee in Europe.

This meeting heartily welcomes members of Swansea Monthly Meetingwho are with us to-day and ~~Elizabeth~~ Virginia Towle of Westport who has recently returned from Europe.

The queries were read at this time.

Adjourned to meet in Westerly in the Fourth Month.

Robert B. Burgess
Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting held the 2Ist of Fourth Month I95I Helen Hiller, and Marian Goodwin were representatives from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Alice Perry and Thomas Perry from Westerly, and Ruth Burgess, John Alford, Charles Hutton and Millicent Foster from Providence. Five of these representatives were present.

The clerk welcomed Gilbert Kilpack of Pendle Hill, Pa., who is visiting meetings in this area. We are happy to have him with us and look forward to his talk at the after-noon session. The Vocation of Friends in the Modern World will be his subject.

Reports of the Spiritual Condition of the Monthly Meetings have been presented and considered. The clerk is directed to make a summary of these reports and forward it to the Yearly Meeting.

A report was read from the committee appointed to consider the union of Rhode Island and Narragansett Quarterly Meetings recommending that such a course be followed. The committee were united in suggesting the following minute:

"Since I944 and the joining of New England Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Providence Monthly Meeting has belonged to both Narragansett and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings.

" After prolonged consideration we now feel that the time has come when these two Quarterly Meetings, covering much the same area and comprising, in the case of Narragansett, Westerly, Providence, which includes Providence and Saylesville particular meetings, and North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting; in the case of Rhode Island, Swansea, including Swansea and Fall River particular meetings, Providence, including Providence and Sayleville particular meetings, should merge into one Quarterly Meeting to be called Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and we ask the approval of the Yearly Meeting for this action."

It is also suggested to the Quarterly Meeting by the committee that the time for holding the meeting should be the Third Seventh Day, Ist Month in Westerly, 4th Month to be designated, 7th Month in North Dartmouth, I0th Month in Providence (Saylesville, this fall)

Meetings for Ministry and Council I0 A. M.
Meetings for Worship II A. M.
Meetings for Business and Program 2 P.M.

Officers for the New Quarterly Meeting should be chosen by a joint

Nominating Committee appointed at this session of each Quarterly Meeting.
Millicent Foster-Clerk of the Com.
Thyra Jane Foster -sec.

The meeting unites with the several recommendations contained in this minute and approves of its being forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. The representatives from this meeting on the committee, Thyra Jane Foster, Julianna R, Perry, Martha Metz and John Wilbur are directed to continue on the committee in order to assure that the recommendations of the two Quarterly Meetings agree and to serve on the nominating committee as directed in the minute.

Henry Foster is appointed to serve on the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting for two years.

Anna Foster is appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for the same period.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting from this Quarterly Meeting are:Robert Cool, John Kellam, Phebe Perry, Helen Hiller, Julianna Perry.

Friends were reminded that the Monthly Meetings have yet to fullfill the quotas asked for by the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee.

The queries have been read and considered.
Adjourned to meet in North Dartmouth in the Seventh Month.

Robert B. Burgess
Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh Month 2nd, 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Nominating Committee is as follows: Harold W. Myers, Clerk; Helen T. Gifford, Assistant Clerk; Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer; A. Homer Skinner and Grace Rostrom, Auditors; Willis H. White, Financial Secretary; Margaret G. Sisson, Superintendent of Bible Schools; Laura B. Aydelott, Superintendent of Missions. The following Friends were named to serve on the Evangelistic Committee: E. Annah Tucker, Helen T. Gifford, Harriet E. Angle, Archie E. Luther, Harma M. Davis, John C. Culbert, Elizabeth J. Trout, Charles Estes, Margaret D. Briggs, Fred Holman, Edith T. Battey and Augustus W. Benedict.

The report of the Nominating Committee is approved.

Representatives to attend this meeting are: From Rhode Island, Susan R. Trout, Grace R. Peckham, Charlotte Deware and Emma Minkler; from East Greenwich, Elizabeth M. Allen and A. May Johnson; from Swansea, Annie R. Chace, Daniel P. Shove, Estelle Strange, Augustus W. Benedict, Carrie E. Sisson, Abiathas Strange, Emma B. Buffinton, Laura B. Aydelott and William H. Burton; from Providence, Helen T. Gifford, Margaret G. Sisson, Charles H. White, Walter J. Ladd, Archibald G. Renfrew and Mabel I. McManus.

Bible School reports from Newport, Portsmouth and Saylesville were read and approved; the Mens' class in Newport and the social activities for children at Saylesville claimed particular attention. Augustus W. Benedict reported favorably concerning the school at Swansea.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Itis as follows:

Receipts		
11th Month 2, 1934 cash on hand	$24.31	
Received from R. I. Monthly Mtg.	75.00	
" "Providence " "	50.00	
" Swansea " "	75.00	
	$224.31	
Disbursements		
Paid George G. Wolkins Yr. Mtg. Treas.		$224.00
11th Month 2 1935 cash on hand		.31
		$224.31

Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer

The queries were read at this time.

Charles H. White spoke of his recent travels to Niagra Falls to attend a Y. M. C. A. Convention; at various times in the convention Friends were spoken ob very impressively.

Our attention was called to a special series of Evangelistic Meetings to be held at the Newport Meetinghouse.

We were reminded by Archie E. Luther that we must find common points upon which we can agree; we are obliged to determine the basis points to be stressed, we must cherish those things which are most worth while.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read and approved. It is as follows:

Your Evangelistic Committee met after the lunch period. The Treasurer's report showed:

Balance on hand 8/3/35	$47.92
Offering 11/2/35	5.71
Interest	1.19
	$54.82
Expenditures	
Arnold Hodgins	$10.00
Vercia Cox	10.00
Balance on hand	34.82
	$54.82

During the Quarter there have been two meetings held for times for special prayer. The one at Portsmouth in September included both an afternoon and evening sevice. At Saylesville there was only one forenoon meeting followed by a lunch which was provided by the hospitality of the Saylesville Friends. We believe that these were real times of helpfulness, and desires were awakened to live close to the Lord- and that the spiritual work prosper in our meetings.

On the first Saturday in next month there is another meeting of the same character planned to be held in Somerset, it is appointed for two o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie C. Sherman, Secretary

We record the helpful presence and ministry of A. Edward Kelsey and Marion E. Kelsey of Salem Quarterly Meeting and Alvano C. Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Both Edward and Marion Kelsey were aglow with the inspiration and optimism emanating from the Five Years Meeting. Their messages to the Meeting were largely the impressions they had received of the Five Years Meeting, held in Richmond, Indiana, in Tenth Month.

Evangelism was the note struck by Friends in the concluding minutes of the meeting. We are reminded that there isn't a very marked difference between meetings for worship and for business. Is such not a striking element of a Friends Meeting.

This meeting records the call, and its acceptance, extended by Friends in Bloomington, Iowa, to William C. and Alice T. Hartnett to serve as pastors in their meeting. The genuine interests of this meeting accompany them in theur new field of service.

We wish to extend to Swansea Friends our feeling of gratitude for the hospitality extended by them today.

Having concluded the business coming before us today we adjourn, purposing to meet in Providence in Fifth Month if the Lord permits.

Harold W. Myers, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Providence, Rhode Island, Fifth Month 2, 1936.

The minutes of the meeting held in South Somerset, Mass., in Eleventh Month, were read and approved.

Representatives appointed by the various Monthly Meetings to attend this Meeting are:
From Rhode Island, Susan R. Trout, Bertha J. Yeawe,
Harriet E. Angle, and Emma Minkler.
From Greenwich, A. May Johnson and Elizabeth M. Allen.
From Swansea, Mary A. Harvey, Emily Emmett, Augustus W. Benedict,
Bertha L. Hathaway, Carrie E. Sisson,
Abbie C. Sisson and William H. Burton.
From Providence, William W. Estes, Elizabeth S. Estes,
Charles H. White, B. Earle Clarke,
Louisa White and Walter J. Ladd.
All of whom are present except four.

The spiritual condition as set forth by reports at hand indicate the following:

(1) A striking difference between those who are faithful and those who are not living up to the precepts of Christ, and in the matter of the acceptance of responsibility in promoting the Kingdom of Heaven.

(2) Individual responsibility is shared in the worship and service of the meetings.

(3) Family devotions, regular reading of the Bible, and lives guide by prayer are common among the members.

(4) A spirit of friendliness prevails.

(5) Cooperation with other religious groups is noted.

(6) The giving of financial means is regarded as essential to the welfare of the members.

(7) Home and foreign missions' work is stressed in most, if not all, of the meetings.

The queries were read and considered.

The following Friends were named as representatives to attend the sessions of the Yearly Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, in Sixth Month: Willis H. White, L. Ralston Thomas, Charles H. White, Augustus W. Benedict, Elizabeth J. Trout, Philip C. Gifford, Annie C. Sherman, Elizabeth M. Allen, B. Earle Clarke.

Helen T. Gifford and Margaret G. Sisson were named as alternates.

L. Ralston Thomas and Charles H. White were named to serve on the nominating committee; and Willis H. White and Philip C. Gifford were named to serve on the finance committee.

Attention was called to the recent passing of G. Fred Davis, for many years clerk of this Meeting. Laura B. Aydelott was named to prepare a suitable memorial to the life of G. Fred Davis, to be read at our next session and placed in the records of this meeting.

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This meeting desires that a cordial invitation be extended to the members of the smaller body of Friends in New England to attend the sessions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England soon to convene at Ocean Park, Maine.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read and approved. It is as follows:

The Evangelistic Committee gathered for a time of conference and business after the lunch period.

Prayer was voiced for God's blessing and guidance upon all deliberation.

The officers for the new year are: Elizabeth J. Trout, Chairman, Archie E. Luther, Assistant Chairman, Augustus W. Benedict, Treas., Annie C. Sherman, Secretary, and Mabel Mcmanus to be in charge of the Childrens' meetings.

James A. Coney, Yearly Meeting Superintendent, brought before the committee the concern which rested upon the Evangelistic Committee at its recent session in Portland relative to the sending of workers during the summer to fields that at present have no gospel meeting. Those present after hearing of one needy field were touched. We authorize the treasurer to pay such expenses of one woker, provided such expenses are approved by the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

11/2/35	Cash on hand	$34.52
5/2/36	Offering	6.50
		$41.02

This was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie C. Sherman, Secretary

This Meeting records the passing of Frederick W. Holman, since our last session. His sudden death came while on his way to his accustomed place in the Portsmouth Meeting.

This Meeting desires to record the helpful presence and ministry of James A. Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting.

Appreciation is again expressed for the spirit of friendly hospitality so much in evidence due to the efforts of Providence Friends.

Having concluded the business before us at this time we adjourn purposing to meet in Portsmouth in Eighth Month, if the Lord permit.

Harold W. Myers, Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 1st, 1936.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk being absent Archie E. Luther and Arthur H. Buffinton are appointed to serve as clerks for the day.

The minutes of the meeting held in Providence in Fifth Month have been read and are approved.

Representatives appointed by the various Monthly Meetings to attend this Meeting are:
From Rhode Island - Alice L. Morris, Alice Davis, J. Kirwin Trout and Eric G. Nelson.
From Greenwich - Adeline F. Clarke and Elizabeth M. Allen.
From Providence - Harold W. Myers, Willis H. White, Mary H. W. Flagg, Genevieve J. Briggs, Geogiana Davis and Walter J. Ladd.
From Swansea - Minnie A. Preble, Annie R. Chace, Arthur H. Buffinton, Daniel P. Shove, Bertha L. Hathaway, Carrie E. Sisson and Abbie C. Sisson.
All of whom are present except six.

Of our representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine, in Sixth Month, all except two attended.

Willis H. White, Annie C. Sherman and Elizabeth J. Trout have each given us brief but encouraging reports of various impressions gathered by them from their attendance at the sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The Queries have been read and during our consideration of same we have been helped by brief messages brought us by James A. Coney, E. Annah Tucker and Rebeca Wild.

Laura B. Aydelott, who was named at our meeting in Fifth Month to prepare a suitable memorial to the life of G. Fred Davis, has presented the following which is made a part of our records:

G. Fred Davis

It is with a deep sense of loss that we record the death of one of our most valued members, G. Fred Davis, who passed away April 28th 1936. His life has been one of service, and every task which he assumed in the work of the church was faithfully performed.

He was gifted in an unusal degree, and his good judgment and thoughtful remarks in speaking to the business of the meeting were often noted. He served the Quarterly Meeting most efficiently as Clerk for fifteen years, and his minutes were models of clearness and expression.

In his home meeting he gave of himself unsparingly, serving in various capacities. His cheery presence is still felt among us, and we sorely miss his bouyant and optimistic personality. He has gone on to receive the reward of the good and faithful servant.

To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray that they may receive consolation from the Source of all comfort.

Charles H. White, Laura B. Aydelott and Elizabeth J. Trout are appointed a nominating committee to bring forward in Eleventh Month the names of Friends to serve as officers of this Meeting for the coming year.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

The Evangelistic Committee met for its usual time of conference and business.

The meeting was opened by prayer.

The offering today was $8.50, added to the previous sum on hand makes the amount of receipts $49.52.

We had the presence of our Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendant which gave us a more detailed account of how the plan of evangelistic work in Maine is being accomplished; by entering into places, where Friends Meeting houses are, this summer.

Elizabeth J. Trout plans to leave for East Benton on Tuesday next. Will we not remember our Friend as she goes to that needy field, for the promise is that those that stay by the "stuff" will share with those that go out to "battle", for this is a tru "battlefield" that we as Friends ought to be vitally interested.

The committee were united in placing at the disposal of Elizabeth J. Trout the sum of $40.00 to be used for necessary expenses that the "concern" involves.

Respectfully submitted
Annie C. Sherman, Secretary

The report of the Missionary Superintendent has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

MISSIONARY REPORT

Providence has a Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee which is most active. Children and young people are given monthly instructions in missions. There is a Womens Missionary Society in the meeting. There is a missionary circulating library, of about 18 volumes, with access to three good Friends libraries. Five missionary books have been studied. The meeting has had a missionary reading contest with ten readers, sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society. There are 8 subscriptions to the American Friend and 4 to the Friends Missionary Advocate. One public meeting was held in the interests of missions. The meeting is kept in touch with the Five Years Meeting fields through special gifts of sewing and boxes, valued at $15.00 Contributed for the United Budget $20.00, Mission Board only $24.00, Yearly Meeting Women's Missionary Society $104.00. Special projects on Five Years Meeting fields $10.00. The meeting observed the World's Day of Prayer for Missions in cooperation with other churches.

Swansea The children and young people are interested by missionary stories and special talks in the church school. There is a Women's Missionary Society in the meeting, with a library of 20 volumes. There are three subscriptions to the American Friend and three to the Missionary Advocate. Missionary funds are collected by church school offerings on the 1st First-day of each month and by Missionary Society dues. $33.00 was raised for the United Budget.

Newport The children and young people are interested by means of monthly missionary classes. There is a Women's Missionary Society in the meeting, which has a missionary library of ty volumes. There is one subscription to the American Friend. Twelve public meetings in the interest of missions have been held. The meeting gave $365.00 - Woman's Missionary Society $160.66 - Bible School $233.51 - Total 759.17

Fall River has not carried on any active missionary work. There are 12 subscriptions to the American Friend.

There is no report from Portsmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura B. Aydelott,
Missionary Superintendent.

Our Treasurer, Daniel P. Shove, has made a verbal report informing us that he has received $75.00 and forwarded same to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

Letters expressing appreciation of the invitations extended to the members of the smaller body of Friends in New England to attend the sessions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Ocean Park, Maine in Sixth Month, have been received from South Kingston Monthly Meeting and Nantucket Monthly Meeting. Both letters convey regrets because of the inability of any of their members to attend this year.

We record the passing of Caroline DeBlois who for many years served as a Elder in Swansea Monthly Meeting.

We have missed the customary presence and ministry at this meeting of John C Culbert who is unable to be present today because of illness. The Clerk is instructed to convey to him our loving sympathy.

We have enjoyed the helpful presence and ministry today of the following visiting Ministers and Friends: Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk and James A. Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting; Harold N. Tollefson of Vasalboro Quarterly Meeting; Alvano C. Goddard, James Wild, Rebecca Wild and Lucy J. Gifford of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Kindly expressions of appreciation of the efforts of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, serving for the day, have been voiced.

We desire to extend our thanks to the Friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for the friendly hospitality so bountifully extended to us today.

Having concluded the business before us at this time, we adjourn purposing to meet at Swansea, Eleventh Month 7th if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther
Clerk for the day.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at South Somerset, Massachusetts, Eleventh Month 7th, 1936.

Representatives to attend this meeting are: from Rhode Island, Bertha J. Yeaw, Alice R. Morris, Harriet E. Angle and Emma Minkler; from Greewich, Elizabeth M. Allen, A. May Johnson and Adeline F. Clarke; from Swansea, Minnie Preble, Emma B. Buffinton, Estelle Strange- Abiathas Strange, Laura B. Aydelott, Cornelia P. Lockwood and Bertha L.Hathaway; from Providence, Charles H. White, Helen T. Gifford, Margaret G. Sisson, A. Hurford Crosman, Archibald G. Renfrew and Elizabeth S. Estes.
Fourteen of the above named are in attendance.

The report of the nominating committee is as follows: Archie E. Luther, Clerk; Assistant Clerk, Helen T. Gifford; Daiel P. Shove, Treasurer; Henry J. Harvey and Grace Rostrom, Auditors; A. Hurford Crossman, Financial Secretary; Alice Crosman, Superintendent of Missions; Mildred Wood, Superintenent of Bible Schools and Annie C. Sherman, Correspondent. The members of the Evangelistic Committee are as follows: E. Annah Tucker, Harriet E. Angle, Helen T. Gifford, Margaret G. Sisson, Hanna M. Davis, John C. Culbert, Elizabeth J. Trout, Charles Estes, Archie E. Luther, Annie C. Sherman, Mabel I. McManus, Margaret D. Briggs, Edith T. Battey and Augustus W. Benedict.

Reports of the Bible Schools: Newport Bible School made its usual report, which is encouraging& Verbal reports were made relative to schools at Swansea, Providence, Saylesville and Portsmouth. Special mention was made of the Young Men's Class at Portsmouth.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read and approved. It Follows:

Your Evangelistic Committee met for its period of conference and business after the lunch hour; the minutes of the last quarterly meeting were listened to. The financial report is as follows:

Balance on hand 5/2/36	$41.02
Offering 8/1/36	8.50
" 11/7/36	9.44
	$59.30
Expenditures	
Evangelistic work at East Benton, Me.	$40.00
Balance on hand 11/7/36	19.30
	$59.30

Our hearts are stirred at God's working in East Benton. We are reminded that "Little is much when God is in it". We are united in asking the business session this afternoon to give time to hear Elizabeth J. Trout give an account of God's manifest presence there.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie C. Sherman, Secretary

Elizabeth J. Trout and Alice R. Jackson reported on their work in east Benton, Maine. We have been impressed with the serious need of the field, and the consciousness of the sense of divine guidance in relation to the interesting and very worth while experiences during the past summer.

Raymond Wood, at the request of Friends, sang a song, entitled, "In the Secret of His Presence". It was much appreciated.

A nominating committee, consisting of Charles H. White, A. Hurford Crosman, and Elizabeth J. Trout, has been named to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as representatives to Yearly Meeting.

Attention was called to instructions to Quarterly Meetings relative to amounts due for the work of the United Budget.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was approved. It is as follows:

Receipts

11/1/35 Cash on hand	$ .31
Received from R. I. Mo. Mtg.	102.50
	$102.81

Disbursements

Paid George G. Wolkins, Yr. Mtg. Treas.	$102.50
11/3/36 Cash on hand	.31
	$102.81

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer

A committee, consisting of Charles Estes, Henry J. Harvey, and Daniel P. Shove, is named to review reports relative to a property committee. The reports in question were made some twenty years ago and are contained in the record of the minutes.

This meeting desires to record its objection to the operation of the race track now in operation in the City of Pawtucket. This meetting is instructed to protest directly to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and to each of the Houses of the Rhode Island Assembly, against the operation of this form of entertainment and gambling.

The queries have been read.

Attention was called to the program of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Workers' Conference to be held in Providence the 11th and 12th of Eleventh Month.

We are again made conscious of the abiding presence of the Almighty as Friends in deep humility of spirit are true to the depths of their own spirits in discerning the height and depth, and fulness of the saving power of Jesus, the Saviour of men. The messages of the day were revealed as living testimonies of a faith not made barren by inaction and indifference. We are grateful for these living testimonies. We note with gratitude the presence and ministry of James and Rebeca Wild, and Alvano C. Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

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We express appreciation of the cordial hospitality of Swansea Friends extended to us today.

The business coming before us today, having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again in Providence in Fifth Month, if the Lord permit.

Harold W. Myers,
Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 1st 1937.

The several monthly meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Rhode Island -Harriet E. Angle, Bertha Yeaw, Annie C. Sherman, and Elizabeth J. Trout.
Greenwich - A. May Johnson and E. Annah Tucker.
Swansea - Minnie I. Preble, Bertha L. Hathaway, Annie R. Chace, A. Homer Skinner, Gertrude Mautuis and D. Vernon Mautuis.
Providence - George Wilkie, Edith T. Battey, William W. Estes, Charles H. White, Raymond Wood, Elizabeth Estes, Thomas Harrison and Mary Myers.
Thirteen of the above named are in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the Governor of Rhode Island has been received in which he acknowledges the receipt of our protest against the law legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse races in the State of Rhode Island.

The Queries have been read and considered.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as representatives to the Yearly Meeting report the following nominations:

Representatives,

Willis H. White
Elizabeth J. Trout
Archie E. Luther
Charles H. White
Helen T. Gifford
Alice R. Jackson
L. Ralston Thomas
Mary A. Harvey
Philip C. Gifford

Alternates: Margaret G. Sisson and Louisa White.

Willis H. White and Philip C. Gifford to the Finance Committee.

L. Ralston Thomas and Charles H. White to the Nominating Committee.

The report of the committee is approved and the appointments made as recommended.

The statistical report and a summary of reports of the spiritual condition of the meetings have been read, approved and ordered forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Raymond V. Wood is appointed to receive contributions to be used in meeting the expenses of young Friends who may attend YearlyMeeting.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

There were eight members of your Evangelistic Committee which gathered today for business and conference.

Financial Statement

Amount in bank	$19.30
Offering today	7.83
	$27.13

This being the time for re-organizing the committee were united in appointing the same officers with the exception of Treasurer, as Augustus Benedict has moved out of the limits of the Quarterly Meeting, Helen T. Gifford was appointed to fill that office.

James A. Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting was present and gave valuable assistance. He stated that the true purpose of such a committee as ours ought to be to revive the meetings and extend the borders. Saylesville Meeting and its needs were brought to the attention of those present. We note that E. Annah Tucker did good service in this meeting last summer and has a living concern in that meeting. James Coney purposes to visit this meeting tomorrow. The committee is standing back of the f financial expense of such a visit. James Coney also brought to our attention that Willard O. Trueblood is planning to spend a month within the Yearly Meeting during the summer, holding week end meetings as the way opens.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie C. Sherman, Secretary

Annie C. Sherman spoke of the need of education among the young people regarding temperance and social purity. Various aspects of this question have been spoken to by several Friends.

The Clerk is authorized to secure a new record book for the minutes.

Willis H. White expressed a concern that the per centage of the Yearly Meeting quota due from each Monthly Meeting be ascertained and an account of same carried on our records. This matter is referred to a committee consisting ofthe Clerk and Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting and the Clerks of the Monthly meetings. The Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting to be chairman of this committee.

The Clerk is instructed to send a message of love and sympathy to Charles and Francis Estes who are unable to be with us because of ill health.

We note the acceptable presence and ministry of James A. Coney with us today.

The meeting records its gratitude for the generous entertainment furnished by the members of Providence Monthly Meeting.

The business coming before us today, having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Portsmouth, Eighth Month 7th, if the Lord permit.

Archie E. Luther, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portsmouth, R I. Eighth Month 7th 1937.

Laura B. Aydelott is appointed Assistant Clerk for the day

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Rhode Island - Bernice Jackson, Edwin K Trout, Lillian Loy
Laura Bye.
Greenwich - E. Annah Tucker, Adeline F. Clarke.

Swansea - Bertha L. Hathaway, Daniel P. Shove, Cornelia P. Lockwood, Ruth E. Lockwood, Annie R. Chace, Mary A. Harvey Gertrude Mantius, H Vernon Mantius
Providence - Charles H. White, Elizabeth S. Estes, Genevieve G. Briggs, John C. Culbert, George Wilkie.

Of the above eighteen are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Providence, R I. Fifth Month 1st 1937 have been read and are approved.

Of our representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine in Sixth Month, all except two attended.

Willis H. White spoke of the outstanding showing made by the young people in attendance at the Yearly Meeting. Elizabeth J. Trout, James Wild and Harold Tollefson also have brought to us some of features of the Yearly Meeting which impressed them.

At oub last meeting, Raymond V. Wood, was appointed to receive contributions towards defraying expenses of young people attending Yearly Meeting. He not being present with us today, other Friends report that fifteen dollars had been received and forwarded by him.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

" Your Evangelistic Committee met at the close of the lunch hour. There were seven members present. James Coney, Yearly Meeting superintendent of Evangelistict work in the Yearly Meeting was also present. The financial report is as follows:

Amount on hand Eleventh 7 th 1936	$19.30
Fifth Month 1, 1937 collection ----------------	7 83
	$27.13
Expenditures - James Coney fare to Saylesville	.50
	$26 63
Eighth Month 7th offering	13.73
Balance on hand	$49.36

The needs of Swansea Meeting was brought to our attention by James Coney. Those that lsitened to the concern of our Friend were much interested and it is the mind of your committee to do something. It is the desire of it to get in vital touch with its personal needs through prayerfull consultation with those in Swansea who have a deep interest in it.

Respectfully submitted Annie C. Sherman, Sec.

The following report from the Newport Bible School has been received:

Newport Bible school has held its regular sessions since last quarter. The average for the quarter is 64.9 slightly lower than last report. Children's Day was observed June 13th. Those taking part in the exercises did them in a creditable manner but best of all we believe there was a willing spirit on the part of all.

On July 10th we had our annual outing at Miantonomi Park. Needless to say that those attending seemed to enjoy the time. We ended the day with songs of thanksgiving and praise and our mutual friend Elizabeth J Trout spoke to the children.

The Property Committee has no report to submit

We have received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting a copy of the recommendations of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. These have been read and among the items we learn that the amount to be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses for 1937- 38 is $1,500. Eighteen per cent of this is $270. which is the apportionment of this Quarterly Meeting. The Clerk is requested to bring this matter to the attention of the subordinate meetings.

Harold B. Kuhn, a minister of the Gospel of Rescue Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting, has presented a minute granted him for Christian service in Great Brittian and elsewhere. We are glad to record his acceptable presence and ministry with us today and the clerk is instructed to send a returning minute.

Charles H. White, Annie C Sherman and Raymond Wood are appointed a committee to propose at our next session the names of Friends to serve this meeting as officers for the year 1938.

Charles H White called our attention to the Regional Conference to be held at Moses Brown School- Providence, R. I. Ninth Month 11th 12th and 13th 1937 and he urges all to attend

Harold N. Tollefson, Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools has informed us of plans being made to conduct a bible reading campaign for children and young people.

We note with appreciation the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of Alvano C. Goddard, James Wild, James A. Coney, Harold B. Kuhn, and Harold N. Tollefson.

We desire to record our sincere appreciation of the friendly hospitality extended us today by the Friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The business coming before us today, having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh Month 6th 1937, if the Lord permits.

Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 6th 1937.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:
RHODE ISLAND - Lillian M. Loy, U. E. Loy, Harriet E. Angle and Alice R. Jackson
SWANSEA - Annie R. Chace, Gertrude Mantius, Laura B. Aydelott, Emma B. Buffinton, Ethel G. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, Cornelia P. Lockwood and Daniel P. Shove.
PROVIDENCE - Emily S. White, Willis H. White, Mary V. Myers, Archibald G. Renfrew, Harold W. Myers, Daniel Davison and Charles H. White.
Of the above thirteen are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held in Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month 7th have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read.

The Nominating Committee appointed in the Eighth Month submitted the following nominations:
Clerk - Archie E. Luther
Asst. Clerk - Helen T. Gifford
Treasurer - Daniel P. Shove
Auditors - Henry J. Harvey and Grace Rostrom
Financial Secretary - A. Hurford Crossman
Supt. of Missions-Laura B. Aydelott
Supt. of Bible Schools - Mildred Wood
Correspondent - Annie C. Sherman
Evangelistic Committee - Elizabeth J. Trout, Archie E. Luther, Annie C. Sherman, E. Annah Tucker, Harriet E. Angle, Margaret G. Sisson, John C. Culbert, Charles Estes, Mabel I. McManus, Marguerite D. Briggs, Edith T. Battey, Deon Jackson, Emily S. White and Bertha L. Hathaway.

The report is accepted and the Friends named are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year.

The Evangelistic Committee has presented its report which is accepted and is as follows:

" The Evangelistic Committee met after lunch. After a period of devotion the minutes of last quarter were read- accompanied by the Treasurer's report which showed a balance on hand of $40.46. The offering today was $4.80 which makes the amount on hand $45.45. The committee listened with interest to the report of the group of people from Newport and Portsmouth that visited Swansea Meeting last Sunday, One of these persons who was present reported that each of the five going took part. There was a good attendance and a profitable meeting was enjoyed by all. Such visiting between the meetings may be not only a blessing to the meeting visited but rebound to those who went and to their home meeting. The Committee will welcome any opening from any of our local meetings that desire such a group to visit their meeting. Not only that those coming to the meeting may aid or help but this intercourse may prove a mutual blessing. We are glad to welcome Josephine Carr among us and the report that she gave of Saylesville Meeting and Bible School.

Respectfully submitted
Annie C. Sherman Sec'y

A nominating committee, consisting of Charles H. White, Cornelia P. Lockwood and Elizabeth J. Trout has been named to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as Representatives to the next sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

George Selleck of Salem Quarterly Meeting has brought us in a very interesting way some of the impressions gained at the World Conference. He emphasized the growth of the Society of Friends in the past seventeen years in the sense of its international influence as shown by the fact that twenty-four countries were represented. He was impressed with a sense of a unity of experience although differing in ways of thinking. A typical day at the conference was also described by him.

Helen T. Gifford reported on the Regional Conference held in Providence. Some twenty friends from other countries attended. The whole conference proved very profitable to those who attended, both from other countries and our own.

George Selleck announced that the new meeting house at Cambridge is nearing completion and extended an invitation for Friends to visit the Cambridge Meeting.

We note the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of Alvano C. Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and George Selleck of Salem Quarterly Meeting also that of Josephine H. Carr whom we welcome in her ministry at Saylesville.

We express our appreciation of the cordial hospitality of Swansea Friends extended to us today.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again in Providence, Fifth Month 7th 1938, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 7th 1938.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Rhode Island - Ernest H. Rice, p Russell E. Simpson, p
Lillian M. Loy a and Ethel M. Perry. p
Providence - Willis H. White, p Josephine H. Carr, p Genevieve Briggs
Charles H. White, p Helen T. Gifford, p
Elizabeth Estes p and Mabel McManus. a
Swansea - Hanna M. Davis, a Annie R. Chace, p
Gertrude Mantius, a Bertha L. Hathaway, p
Cornelia P. Lockwood, a Minnie A. Preble p
A. Homer Skinner a and Mary A. Harvey a

Of these thirteen are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held in South Somerset on Eleventh Month 6th, 1937, have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read and considered.

The following communication has been received from Alfred Osborne, Clerk of the Permanent Board:

North Weare, N. H., April 4, 1938.

Archie E. Luther,
Clerk of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,
Dear Friend:

"Yearly Meeting minute #92, 1937, refers to the Permanent Board a proposal for a change in the method of appointing the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

The recommendation of the Nominating Committee is approved, Viz.: 'that Quarterly Meetings be asked to appoint two members each to the Nominating Committee as at present but for terms of two years each - the terms to expire in alternate years.' The first appointment to be of one member for the term of one year and one for two years."

Taken from the records of a meeting of the Permanent Board held at Lynn, Massachusetts, Second Month 22nd, 1938.

/s/ Alfred Osborne, Clerk.

Daniel P. Shove reports that the property formerly used as a parsonage at South Somerset has been sold

Our attention has been called to the fact that a minute was adopted by the Yearly Meeting several years back, asking that matters relating to the sale and dispostion of meeting- houses and land shall be first submitted to the Permanent Board for their council and judgment.

The Committee appointed Eleventh Month 6th, 1937, to nominate representatives to the Yearly Meeting have submitted their report and their nominations are confirmed.

Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 7th, 1938.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends:

Your committee which was appointed Eleventh Month 6th 1937, hereby submit the following list of names of Friends to serve as representatives to the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 22, 1938:

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Representaives:

Elizabeth J. Trout
Archie E. Luther
Mary A. Harvey a
Laura B. Aydelott a
Alice R. Jackson
Louisa White
Josephine H. Carr
Helen T. Gifford
Willis H. White

Alternates: Harriet E. Angle and Mildred Wood.

As members of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee:
Philip C. Gifford and Archie E. Luther.

As members of Yearly Meeting Nominating Committeem
Fon one year - L. Ralston Thomas,
For two years Louisa White.

A statistical report for the calender year 1937 was received from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which it appears that our membership at the close of the year 1937 was 570, a net loss of 37 from the previous year.

Reports on the state of the Society have also been received and read. From these and the statistical reports our clerk is directed to make the usual summary for the Yearly Meeting including such other information as should properly go before that body.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

Nine of the Evangelistic Committee met for its usual meeting after the lunch hour. Report of our finances showed amount on hand $45.35, with the offering today $9.37 makes it $54.72. This was the annual meeting and the time for the appointment of officers. This claimed the attention of those present. There were some changes made. Josephine H. Carr appointed as Vice Chairman, Deon Jackson , Treasurer, and Harriet E. Angle, Childrens Work. The Committee expresses with regret the resignation of Helen T. Gifford from being a member of the committee and welcomes Emily White and Deon Jackson as members of the Committee. We believe that the members present were brought into a deeper responsibility for the work of the committee - that it would be in very deed instead of just in name. It was brought to the attention of those present that Child Evangelism was an important line of work to engage in and the committee was encouraged to pray for Harriet E. Angle in her office. The committee adjourns to meet during the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park for further counsel and prayer.

Annie C. Sherman, Secretary.

At the request of the Evangelistic Committee the name of Josephine H. Carr is added to the list of members of that committee.

The report of the Treasurer has been read and approved.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.	
11-Mo. 3-1936 Bal. Cash on hand	.31
Rec'd from Providence Monthly Meeting	250.00
" " Rhode Island " "	75.00
Total	$325.31
Disbursements.	
Paid Geo. G. Wolkins, Yearly Meeting Treas.	$325.00
11-Mo.-6-1937 Bal. Cash on hand	.31
	$325.31

Resp't. Sub't.
/s/ Daniel P. Shove Treasurer
Somerset, Mass. 11-Mo.- 6-1937
Approved Nov. 29, 1937
H. J. Harvey, Auditor.

A report from the Bible School of Newport Meeting has been read..

Newport Bible School observed "The White Gifts" the Sunday after Christmas. The following Tuesday evening the Christmas Program was given. At Easter we had the privilege of a visit from R. Esther Smith from the Friends' Mission in Guatemala, Central America. She gave a graphic description of how lives had been transformed by the power of God from the depths of sin to lives of purity and holiness. A few of the pupils took the examination given by the Yearly Meeting Committee. One of the classes, which consists of young women, meet frequently for sewing for local needs and home missions. The average attendance, as taken, is 65

The Executive Secretary of the Board of Young Friends Activities, Winnifred C. Moody, has presented to us the needs of the Young Friends Board in connection with their work at the Yearly Meeting. She has also brought to our attention the coming International Conference of Young Friends to be held in Otterden, Kent, August 11 - 18, 1938, outlining to us in an interesting way some of the problem which the young Friends intend to study at that time.

Raymond V. Wood and Russell E. Simpson are named to solicit from our subordinate meetings funds to aid the Young Friends in the work that has been described to us.

The following report has been received from the Finance Committee and the recommendations made by them are approved;

"A few representatives of the Finance Committee met this morning and considered the matter of our quota due to the Yearly Meeting.

It is recommended that the Financial Secretary be requested to advise each Monthly Meeting of the total amount due from them to meet their share of the quota also to state the apportion due per member.

It is also strongly recommended that each Meeting revise its membership list with the view of no longer continuing on the rolls those members who no longer participate in any way in the activities of the meeting."

We approve of the following change of time and the arrangement for meeting as submitted by Providence Monthly Meeting:

Providence Monthly Meeting held at 7:45 P. M. the last Fourth Day evening of each month, at Providence except Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Months when it is held in Saylesville, R. I. In Sixth Month the Monthly Meeting may be ommitted.

We sincerely appreciate the spirit of Friendly hospitality and the substancial entertainment provided for us by Providence Friends today.

The presence and ministry with us today of Cecil E. Pearson of Salem Quarterly Meeting and Harold N. Tollefson of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is noted with appreciation. We are glad to also have had with us Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and Norman E. Trafton the later now serving Newport Meeting as Pastor.

The business coming before us having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again in Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 6th, 1938, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther

Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month 6th 1938.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Rhode Island
Bernice Jackson
Harriet E. Angle
Bertha Yeawe
Isabel Truax

SWANSEA
Minnie A. Preble
Annie R. Chace
Laura B. Aydelott
Bertha L. Hathaway
Arthur H. Buffinton
Gertrude Mantius
Eva Mantius
Vernon Mantius
Cecil E. Pearson
Mary E. Pearson

PROVIDENCE
William W. Estes
Josephine H. Carr
Willis H. White
Mary H. Flagg
Mabel I. McManus
Charles H. White

Greenwich
Adeline F. Clark
Elizabeth M. Allen
E. Annah Tucker

Of these all but six are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 7th 1938 have been read and are approved.

The queries have been read and considered. Willis H. White has called to our consideration the advisability of having the Queries amended in a way to further warn against the apparent increase in the use of tobaco and the practice of gambling.

Of our representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine in Sixth Month all except two attended.

Josephine H. Carr has given us a interesting account of the recent sessions of the Yearly Meeting. Her report of the work of the Junior Yearly Meeting was most encouraging. About two hundred Juniors were in attendance. The ministry of Willard O. Trueblood seemed most helpfull and appeared to be providentially suited to the time and place. The report of the Womens' Missionary Union showed an hopefull increase in money received for missions during the past year. She has also given us some of the high lights of Willard O. Trueblood's account of his recent visit to the Friends Mission Station in Africa. Raymond Mendenhall's messages on our attitude in preparing for prohibition was noted and also the consern of the Young Friends that they be given advice regarding the attitude to be taken by them in case of war and that such advice should be prepared now rather that waiting until actual hostilities may have commenced. Further appreciative comments regarding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting have been given us by Elizabeth J. Trout.

Friends have expressed appreciation of these notes regarding the Yearly Meeting which have been brought to us at this time.

The Annual Missionary Report prepared by our Missionary Superintendent has been read and is accepted. It is as follows:

ANNUAL MISSIONARY REPORT

Swansea has a Women's Missionary Society, with a missionary library of 35 volumes. Eight missionary books have been read during the year? There are three subscribers to the American Friend, and there are three to the Missionary Advocate. The meeting has kept in touch with the Five Years Meeting fields through special gifts of money. $18.00 was designated for the Mission Board only. The World Day of Prayer for Missions was observed independently.

Fall River has not carried on any active missionary work. There are eleven subscribers to the American Friend.

Newport interests children up to 12 years of age through Primary and Junior classes which meet generally monthly. Young people from 12 to 24 have monthly classes generally. Juniors have missionary stories, ets. There is a Women's Missionary Society with a missionary library of about 60 books. There is one subscriber to the American Friend. Eleven public meetings have been held in the interest of missions. The meeting has given $208.20 to missions, the Bible School $320.30 the Woman's Missionary Society$128.00 Total $656.50. Gifts were given to Friends work in China and to Central American native workers: also to native workers in San Blas Islands and Korea. Help was also given to a Rescue Home in Indiana. Sewing was done by a Bible School class for home needs. A large bag of second-hand clothing was sent to Jenkins Orphanage in South Carolina and sheets and pillow slips sent to Rescue Home in Indiana. Money is raised by free-will offerings and thank-offering barrels.

Portsmouth has a representative Missionary Committee. There is a Woman's Missionary Society. Twelve public meetings ha have been held in the interest of missions. Amounts contributed to evangelistic and missionary work are as follows:- Meeting $321.65 Women's Missionary Society $118.06 Bible School $37.50 Young People Society $40.00 Total $517.21 Much of this was sent to Friends work other than Five Years Meeting projects. Providence has a missionary committee which has not been active this year. There is a Woman's Missionary Society in the meeting There is no missionary library but the missionary group has access to two good libraries, and they avail themselves of this privilege? Missionary books are available at the Moses Brown Sch School. The members themselves lend their new and readable copies during the year. Four missionary books were read during the year. A missionary reading contest was held with seven readers. This was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. Six subscrive to the American Friend and two to the Missionary Advocate. A meeting was held in one of the homes at which Khalil Totah spoke about his work at Ramallah and his ambitions for the school. The meeting has kept in touch with thw Five Years Meeting fields through special gifts of money amounting to $12.00. Missionary funds are collected by voluntary contributions, two special offerings, and special funds $6.00 has gone to other than United Budget, Mission Board and special projects. This was given to the Faith, Hope and Love funds, $2.00 each. The World Day of Prayer for Missions was observed in cooperation with other churches. Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Laura B. Aydelott, Quarterly meeting missionary Supt.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

Eight of the members of your Evangelistic Committee met for its usual session of business and conference. The meeting was opened by prayer after this the reading of our last meeting minutes, which were approved. The Treasurer's report showed on hand $55.22 with the offering today, $8.71, gives on hand $63.93. The importance of child evangelism and aiding this and the proposed vacation school at Saylesville caused the committee to unite in appropriating $15.00 for that work, which is to be under the supervision of Miss Eveyln Addicott who has already had a successful Joy Club with Portsmouth Meeting.

A sub-committee was appointed sonsisting of Elizabeth J. Trout and Josephine H. Carr to confer with any meeting or Bible School where the services of Miss Addicott could be used when she is available. The helpfulness of Gospel Teams in other days was brought to the committee by Deon Jackson who was a member of some of those teams of former years. A committee was appointed to have charge of the team work which is Deon Jackson and Archie E. Luther. The committee would be very glad to have any of our meetings confer with this committee concerning the visit of a Gospel team to your special meetings. A children's meeting was held today with Miss Addicott as leader. There has been no report given to the committee but we are sure the Gospel seed was sown.

Respectfully submitted, Annie C. Sherman, Sec'y

A report of the Bible School at Newport has been received. I it is as follows:

Newport Bible School Report

On the twenty ninth of May Miss Evelyn Addicott spoke to pupils from beginners to those of high school age. Although the ages were so varied we believe it was not without the approval of God upon this effort of getting the Gospel to those who hear it little except in the Sunday School. Later in the summer some of our children attended the Joy Club which was in session at Portsmouth. One of our teachers assisted there. On July 16 we had our annual picnic. This was enjoyed by old and young. We kep open during the summer. Although our attendance is not so large as in other seasons of the year. We are thankful to report that there has not been so great a decrease as in former years. Ten of our scholars took the Yearly Meeting examinations on David and Peter and passed grade.

Elizabeth J. Trout gave an account of the Joy Club work which had been held amoung the children at Portsmouth?

From the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting we have received, with the recommendations of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, the following communication:

23 Norwood St. , Portland, Maine
Seventh Month 18th, 1938

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends:

Please find enclosed the recommendations of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee which received unanimous approval.

The amount to be raised by assessment for current expenses is $1700.00. Your proportion on the basis of a 18% quota is $306.00.

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The United Budget funds needed to promote various departments of work are urgently needed. Five eighths of these funds is allotted for the use of committees in our own Yearly Meeting, and the remaining three eighths is sent to the Five Years Meeting treasurer for Mission work, the relief of Aged and Infirm Ministers and Missionaries, Christian Education, Public Morals, etc.

Regular systematic giving on the part of our membership, in such amounts as a clear conscience before God might dictate, would insure the full amount of $8000.00 which is desired as a freewill offering for all benevolences of the Church/ at home and abroad.

We hope each Quarterly Meeting may clearly realize and courageously face its responsibility in this ministry of giving even to the point of sacrifice is necessary, for the sake of the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

In Christian love,
Lindley M. Binford, Clerk

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Charles H. White, Annie C. Sherman, Annie R. Chace and E. Annah Tucker are appointed a committee to propose at our next session the names of Friends to serve this meeting as officers for the year 1939.

We note with appreciation the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of Robert Earle of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

We desire to record our sincere appreciation of the hospitality extended to us today by the Friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The business coming before us today having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meeti again at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 5th 1938, if the Lords permits.

Archie E. Luther
Clerk.

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In view of the fact that this Quarterly Meeting is still in arrears with its quota to the Yearly Meeting, We request the Finance Committee to continue their efforts to raise the deficit. As we are informed, our proportion of the current assessment is $306., we propose to raise same with the assessments upon the Monthly Meetings to be apportioned as follows:

Rhode Island	$85.68
Greenwich	6.12
Providence	85.68
Swansea	128.52

A.E.L.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 5th, 1938.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows;

Rhode Island
John F. Chase, Jr., Harriet E. Angle,
Ethel Perry and Elizabeth J. Trout.
Greenwich
Adeline F. Clarke and Elizabeth M. Allen.
Providence
Raymond V. Wood, Mildred Wood,
Willis H. White and Josephine H. Carr.
Swansea
Estelle Strange, Minnie A. Preble,
Florence Slade, Hanna M. Davis,
Cornelia P. Lockwood, Bertha L. Hathaway,
Annie R. Chace and Gertrude Mautius.
Of these all but three are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 6th 1938 have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read, considered and commented upon.

A communication has been read to us in which the New York Worlds Fair Committee of Friends outline their plans for presenting the views of Friends to the attenders at the fair.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

"Seven of the members of the Evangelistic Committee met today after lunch. The meeting opened by prayer followed by the regular routine of business. We learn that after the offering today of $8.90 was added to that which was in the treasury there is on hand $57.83 We listened with interest to the report of Josephine Carr concerning the Joy Club that was held at Saylesville this past summer. It is a joy to know that the Gospel attracts the young and even those that have not been brought up with an open bible in their homes. The work is still going on under the supervision of the pastor, Josephine Carr. The Committee was united in appropriating seven dollars toward transportation of an assistant worker there. Our sub-committee, consisting of Elizabeth J. Trout and Josephine H. Carr is ready to lend assistance to any meeting that desires a Joy Club in their meeting. Two meetings have asked the privilege of a Gospel Team to visit their meeting. Any one else wishing such assistance please feel free to communicate with the committeee which consists of Deon Jackson and Archie Luther, A letter was read from Rhode Island expressing a concern for an evangelistic conference to be held at Portsmouth in the near future. It desired that this committee place its united sanction upon such a gathering. The Committee was united in approving of this and appointed Elizabeth J. Trout, Josephine H. Carr and Archie E. Luther to have the oversight of working out the details of such a gathering. We also desire the Quarterly Meeting, if they see fit, to place its united endorsement upon the plan. The Committee was united in appropriating fifteen dollars towards the expense of said conference, if needed. The Committee was united in giving A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey, ten dollars for their traveling expenses. We wish to express at this time our loving appreciation for Charles Estes who for many years was a member of this committee but has now gone to his reward. He was always ready, when present, to give counsel on subjects that came before our meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Annie C. Sherman, Secretary."

Charles H. White not being present at this meeting we appoint Raymond V. Wood to serve in his stead on the nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee, appointed in Eighth Month have submitted the following nominations:

South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh Month 5th 1938
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends:-

Your Nominating Committee, appointed in Eighth Month, recommend that the following named Friends be appointed to serve in the respective stations for the ensuing year:

For Clerk- Archie E. Luther
Assistant Clerk - Helen T. Gifford
Treasurer - Daniel P. Shove
Financial Secretary - A. Hurford Crossman
Superintendent of Missions , Laura B. Aydelott
Superintendent of Bible Schools - Mildred S. Wood
Correspondent - Annie C. Sherman
Auditors - Henry J. Harvey and Grace Rostrom
Members of the Evangelistic Committee.
Elizabeth J. Trout
Archie E. Luther
Annie C. Sherman
E. Annah Tucker
Harriet E. Angle
William Estes
Josephine H. Carr
Cecil E. Pearson
Mabel I McManus
Marguerite D. Briggs
Raymond V. Wood
Deon Jackson
Emily S. White
Bertha L. Hathaway.

Respectfully submitted
Raymond V. Wood
Annie R. Chace
Annie C. Sherman

The report is accepted and the Friends named are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year.

We note with appreciation the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey of Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Separate reports have been received from the Bible School at Portmouth and at Newport. These reports idicate that an encouraging and continued interest is being shown at both of these places.

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A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey, who are visiting the various Quarterly Meetings on behalf of the Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee, have addressed us. They have presented to us an outline of some of the various missionary activities of the Friends with our attention being particularly turned to the work in Palestine which began under the auspices of our own Yearly Meeting. They have also given us an enlightening explanation of the manner in which funds contributed to the Yearly Meeting United Budget are distributed.

Laura Aydelott is requested to prepare, for our record, a memorial on the life and work of our departed Friend Charles Estes.

The Secretary of the Evangelistic Committee is authorized to write a note to the family of our late Friend Charles Estes, expressing our sympathy to them and our appreciation of his years of labor with us.

We gr$_a$tefully note our appreciation of the kindly hospitality extended to us today by the Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting.

The report of our Treasurer, which has been approved by the Auditors, has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.
Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

11 Month 6, 1937	Balance cash on hand	$0.31
12 " 16 "	Swansea Monthly Meeting	50.00
4 " 16,1938	Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	37.50
7 " 5 "	" " " "	100.00
11 " 4 "	" " " "	42.84
	Total	$230.65

Disbursements.

12- 16 - 1937.	Paid Archie E. Luther for R. Book	$7.50
12 -17 "	" George G. Wolkins, Treas.	40.00
4 - 6 1938,	" " " " "	37.50
7 - 9 - "	" " " " "	100.00
11 - 4 - "	" " " " "	44.00
	Total	$229.65
11 - 4 - "	Cash balance on hand	$1.65

Resp't. Sub't.
Daniel P. Shove, Treas.

Somerset, Mass. 11 Month 4, 1938.
Audited and approved Nove 5, 1938
H. J. Harvey

The business coming before us today having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 6th 1939.

Archie E. Luther

Clerk.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 6th, 1939.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND
Susann R. Trout, L. Deon Jackson
Harriet E. Angle, Elizabeth J. Trout
GREENWICH
Elizabeth M. Allen, A. May Johnson,
Adeline F. Clarke
PROVIDENCE
Elizabeth S. Estes, Willis H. White
Mabel I McManus, L. Ralston Thomas,
Josephine H. Carr.
SWANSEA
Cecil E. Pearson, Cornelia P. Lockwood,
Mary P. Pearson, Gertrude Mautius,
Bertha L. Hathaway, Annie R. Chace,
Minnie A. Preble, Mary A. Harvey

Of these all but four are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 5th, 1938, have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read. Willis H. White has pointed out the present day need of maintining our position in active opposition to the traffic in intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. The liberty gained for us in our position regarding the taking and administering of oaths has also been brought to our attention and Friends have been urged not to become lax in keeping these testimonies alive,

Willis H. White, Elizabeth L. Trout and Cecil E. Pearson are appointed as a committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve as representatives to the coming Yearly Meeting.

A summary of the statistical reports received from our Monthly Meetings has been read at this time, by which it appears it appears that our present membership is 523, a net loss of 47 from last year.

Reports on the Spiritual Condition of the meeetings have been read and the Clerk is directed to make the usual summary for the information of the Yearly Meeting, including such other information as should properly go before that body.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as representatives to the coming Yearly Meeting submit the following nominations:
For Representatives: L. Ralston Thomas, Willis H. White, Archie E. Luther, Harriet E. Angle, Mary P. Pearson, Josephine H. Carr, Mabel I. McManus, Alice R. Jackson, Helen T. Gifford, Louisa White.
Alternates: Philip C. Gifford and Elizabeth J. Trout.

As Members of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee;
Willis H. White and L. Ralston Thomas.
As Members of Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee;
For one year - Louisa White
For two years - Archie E. Luther.

The above nominations are approved.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

"The Evangelistic Committee was encouraged today by having most of its members in attendance. The financial report showed a balance on hand of $47.79. This being the annual meeting, the same officers and committees were re-elected. Words of appreciation were read from Mrs. Estes for the loving message of sympathy sent to her in the loss of her husband. Since our last Quarterly Meeting, two Gospel Teams have done service under your committee. Both of these were from Newport. The first one went to Portsmouth in February the other to Saylesville last month, News has come of the enjoyment which was received at Sayleville by having the Team with them. A concern was brought before the committee of the importance of encouraging our associate members to become active members but also a warning was thrown out that such would be really " "born again" ones.

Respectfully submitted, Annie C. Sherman, Sec'y.

Harold N. Tollefson, Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools has addressed us on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting Superintendent, urgeing that the several meetings awake to the importance of sending in their reports to the Superintendent. He also expressed a concern that Friends and attenders of our Bible Schools use the Bible in their studies. He also explained the preparation and use of the Bible Readings as sent out by the Yearly Meeting Committee,

The work of Friendsville Academy, Friendsville, Tenn. has been presented to us and our interest and support for same earnestly solicitated by Arthur Santmier.

At a former session, Laura B. Aydelott was requested to prepare a memorial on the life and services of our late Friend Charles Estes. In response to that request we have before us such a tribute which has been paid by Swansea Monthly Meeting. We unite in making this a part of our record.

Memorial to Charles Estes

We record with a feeling of deep sadness the passing away of our dear Friend, Charles Estes, on Eleventh Month 5th, 1938. A birthright Friend, he was imbued from his youth with the principles and customs of the Society of Friends. This heritage made him an invaluable member, his clear judgment and wise council being freely given to business matters of the meeting. He served for years as Overseer and Trustee, but his outstanding service was the painstaking care he gave to his duties as Recorder of Swansea Monthly Meeting. Keenly interested in history and geneology, he was eminently fitted for this work, to which

he gave accurate and painstaking attention for many years. The place of such a loyal and devoted Friend is hard to fill, and we pray that his example may inspire others to give themselves as he did, to the service of His Master. We extend to his wife and family our loving sympathy.
Taken from the records of Swansea Monthly Meeting held 4th Mo. 24th, 1939. Laura B. Aydelott Clerk.

Albert L. Scott, on behalf of the New England Young Friends' Committee, has outlined the plan and purpose of the Wellesley Institute of International Relations to be held this year from June 27 to July 7, He urged that $35. be provided for a scholarship and that arrangements be made to send someone from this Quarterly Meeting to Wellesley.
Mary P. Pearson, David L. Davidson and L. Deon Jackson are appointed as a committee to have this matter in charge.

We record the presence and helpfull ministry with us to day of: James Coney, Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent, Arthur Santmier of Friendsville Quarterly Meeting, Wilmington Yearly Meeting and Harold N. Tollefson of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

We are also glad to note the presence with us and we cordially welcome, Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and Albert L. Scott of New England Yearly Meeting.

E. Annah Tucker requests the appointment of a committee to confer with members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting.
Willis H. White, Cornelia P. Lockwood and Elizabeth J. Trout are appointed as that committee.

Raymond V. Wood is appointed as a committee to solicit funds to help with the expenses of taking care of those attending the Junior Yearly Meeting

The gracious and friendly hospitality which has been accorded us today by the Friends of Providence Monthly Meeting is noted with deep appreciation.

John F. Chase, Jr. has commented upon a recently published newspaper interview in which one of the U. S. Senators from Rhode Island advocated a large expansion of military preparednes on the assumption that war is inevitable.
The Clerk is authorized to write to the Senators and Representaives from Rhode Island in the U. S. Congress urging upon them the desirability of stressing the policy of preparedness for peace instead of war.

The committee appointed to confer with the members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting report that the members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting desire to be relieved of the care of the property and records. Arrangements are to be made to transfer the records to the vault at Moses Brown School and the property properly disposed of. The report of the committee is approved.

The business coming before us today having been concluded, we now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month 5th 1939, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther

Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 5th, 1939.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND

Russell Simpson, Dorothy Millham
Mary C. Wilcox and Alice Holman

GREENWICH

No Report.

PROVIDENCE

Philip C. Gifford, Elizabeth Estes,
Elizabeth Snow, Rose Todd and
George Wilkie

SWANSEA

Minnie A. Preble, Estelle Strange,
Bertha L. Hathaway, Laura B. Aydelott
Cornelia P. Lockwood, Arthur H. Buffinton
and Gertrude Mautius

Of these all but four are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 6th 1939 have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read.

Ofour representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine in Sixth Month all except three attended.

The Annual Missionary Report as prepared by our Missionary Superintendant has been read and is accepted. It is as follows:

Swansea reports that children up to 12 years of age have missionary talks in the Bible School. Talks are also given for young people and men. The meeting has a Woman's Missionagy Society which has a missionary library of 30 volumes. One missionary book has been read. There are six subsribers to the American Friend. The meeting has kept in touch with Five YearsmMeeting Fields through gifts of money. Missionary funds are obtained from dues and Bible School collections. A contribution was given to the United Budget but the amount is not stated. The Day of Prayer for Missions is observed indepeddently.

Fall River reports 10 subscribers to the American Friend. Five dollars was given for Ramallah and $4.50 for the United Christian Appeal.

Providence has representative Monthly Meeting Committee under appointment. There is a Woman's Missionary Society in the meeting, and missionary books are available. Three study books were used during the year. A missionary reading contest was held with one honor reader. Several have read some. This was sponsored by the Womwn's Missionary Society. There are eight subscribers to the American Friand and four to the Missionary Advocate. Missionary funds are collected by voluntary contributions. $100.00 was given for the United Budget, and $104.00 for the Mission Board only. $6.00 was given to special projects of the Five Years Meeting Fields. $2.00 was given to the Love Fund. The World's Day of Prayer for Missions was observed with the R. I. Federation of Women's Church Societies.

Saylesville- There is a representative on the Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee. The children in the Bible School are herding buffalo nickels for the Indians. Gifts and money were given for the June Christmas Tree. The young people are having some missionary instruction in the vacation school. There is a woman's group in the meeting with a variety of interests, some of which are missionary. There was one honor roll member in the missionary reading contest. There is one subscriber to the American Friend and one to the Missionary Advocate. One box (31 lbs.) was sent to the Wyandotte Mission at Christmas. $15.00 was given for the United Budget. $3.75 for Faith, Hope and Joy Funds. $1.65 from the Bible School and $1.25 for the Love Fund in India.

Newport has a Monthly Mission Study Class for children up to 12 years of age. There is also a study class for young people. There is a Women's Missionary Society in the meeting which has a missionary library of at least 65 volumes. Five missionary books were read during the year. There is one subscriber to the American Friend. Twelve public meetings have been held in the interest of missions. The meeting has contributed $212.74; the Bible School $255.50 and the Women's Missionary Society $109.15. Money has gone to Friends work in Central America; China; San Blas Islands (an independent mission) the Oriental Missionary Society in Korea, and Rescue Work in Indianana. India was remembered with White Gifts. Also Friends work in South America, and contributions to give New Testaments to the Jews.

Portsmouth has a Woman's Missionary Society in the meeting. The meeting has a library of good books, some of which are missionary books. Twelve public meetings have been held in the interest of missions. Missionary funds are collected by voluntary offerings. The meeting has given $160.46; the Bible School $43.17; the Young Peoples$38.70; and the Women's Missionary Society $98.06. Money was sent to Friends work South America, Jewish work in New York City, work in Kentucky mountains, support of native missionary in San Blas Islands, China, Russia, etc. have also been remembered, the money to be used for refugees.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura B. Aydelott Missionary Superintendent.

The following report from the Bible School of Newport Meeting has been received:

The Bible School at Newport has had its regular sessions since last Quarter. The annual outing at Miantonomah Park on July 15th was enjoyed ny many. The day was ideal. Just right so that some mothers brought their little ones who had never been to our picnic. After the lunch period a shortservice was held. A Vacation Bible School is held this summer. This is not held daily but weekly. Those attending, we believe, will gain a larger knowledge of the lessons taught than they have in the short time given to such teaching in our Bible School. We are gald that the young woman who is the leader is one of our very own girls and best of all she had a concern to start such a project. Twenty dollars and twenty eight cents has been given to mission work in the homeland. Five of this went to Jewish evangelism.

From the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting we have received, with the recommendations of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, the following communication:

Portland, Maine July 14, 1939

Clerk of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
Dear Friend:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the recommendations of the Finance Committee of our Yearly Meeting, which were approved as per minute No. 67, at our sessions in June 1939. Each Quarterly Meeting is directed to give attention to the several items listed.

Your proportion of the $1700.00 required to meet the current expenses of the Yearly Meeting on the basis of the 18% allotted to you is $306.00. It will greatly assist our Treasurer in his arduous duties by the elimination of unnecessary detail, if each Quarterly Meeting makes its semi-annual payments promptly on the approximate dates specified.

Very sincerely
/s/ Lindley M. Binford Clerk

The Clerk is instructed to advise each Monthly Meeting of its proportionate share of the quota. The Clerk is also directed to have a report presented to each meeting with regard to payments made on the Quota.

Philip C. Gifford, Elizabeth J. Trout and Bertha L. Hathaway are appointed a committee to propose at our next session the names of Friends to serve this meeting as officers for the year 1940.

The following communication from the Junior Yearly Meeting Superintendent has been received:

Ocean Park, Maine Sixth Month 24, 1939.

To Friends of New England:

The Junior Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England in session at Ocean Park Maine, has liberated these Junior Friends, Eli and Sybil Jones, Junior, for service within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

A concern has been expressed for them, in which we are in unity, that the Jubilee year of the Ram Allah schools should be a time of dedication and prayer for the land of the Bible so dear to all of us. The years of service and the benediction of their presence and messages have made Eli and Sybil Jones a special favorites of New England Friends, and we hope to recover for our Juniors some of their devotion and vision of the fields white unto the harvest

The purpose of their visit to the QuarterlyMeeting sessions is to unite more fully the Juniors of the Yearly Meeting between Junior Yearly Meeting sessions, to stimulate study into the deeper principles and practices of the Society of Friends during the year, and challenge Junior Friends to the task of sharing their talent, time and money in service for Jesus Christ.

The chest that accompanies these Junior Friends is for gifts to be used in missionary endeavor as the Junior Yearly Meeting may direct at its next session.

We are deeply indebted to Friends throughout New England for the hearty support of our Junior Yearly Meeting, and desire to deepen the interest of our Juniors by Quarterly Meeting Junior sessions.

On behalf of the Junior Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

/s/ Harold N Tollefson
J. Y. M. Supt.

With the above has come two dolls appropriately dressed and with a Traveling Minute from the Junior Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. Our Clerk is instructed to endorse the traveling minute

Albert L. Scott and David Douglas who this summer have been doing Peace Caravan work, have each addressed us urging that Friends make their peace testimony active instead of merely passive. The attitude of opposition to war is urged as a part of our duty as Christians.

Willis H. White has expressed appreciation of the activities and work of the Young Friends. He also has voiced his esteem for the work performed by Harold N. Tollefson in organizing the Junior Yearly Meeting. He also indicated his pleasure in being able to make these complimentary remarks while the mother of Harold N. Tollefson is present with us.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

The Evangelistic Committee had a fairly good representation of its members at its meeting today. After prayer by the chairman the regular business coming before us claimed oub attention. We learned that the offering today was $13.14 which added to the amount on hand $47.79 makes in our treasury $60.93. During the quarter there had been no Gospel Team sent out. The Evangelistic Committee of the Yearly Meeting spoke appreciatively of the conference that was held at Portsmouth last December and it was planned that two workers conferences be held during the year one in the Northern section of the Yearly Meeting and the other in the Southern the latter to be under the direction of our Quarterly Meeting Evangelistic Committee. It was thought best by your committee not to have the conference at such a late date as December but it is plannrd to have it in October and possibly at Newport if that meets the united co-operation of that meeting. A committee was appointed which is as follows; Archie E. Luther, Josephine H. Carr Elizabeth J. Trout, Bertha L. Hathaway and E Annah Tucker. We as a committee want to work in unity with the Quarterly Meeting and bring to you these plans for your endorsement without which we will cease from further activities. We also desire to ask your sanction of taking from our funds an amount not exceeding $25 for expenseof said conference. If all of this is not needed the balance to be returned to our treasurer. Trusting that the meeting will give due consideration to all that has been proposed. For the committee /s/ Annie C. Sherman, Sec'y

Willis H White reports that the records of Greenwich Monthly Meeting have been transferred to the vault at Moses Brown School. The library books are also being properly located.

We record with appreciation the presence and helpfull ministry with us today of Alwano C Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Harold N. Tollefson, Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, a member of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and William C. Hartnett who for about four years has been engaged in pastoral work in Springdale Quarterly Meeting of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

We also note the presence with us and welcome today Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and also a number of Friends from Sandwich, Salem and other Quarterly Meetings and two from New York Yearly Meeting. These visits are very gratifying to us and we hope the custom may again become a common one among Friends.

Willis H. White has brought to our attention the plight of some of the people commonly known as Jehovah Witnesses in the cases where the Government officials are prosecuting them because of their refusal to do certain acts in violation of their religious convictions.

Mary P. Pearson reported that sufficient money was raised to defray the expenses of a representative, Sidney L. Hathaway, who attended the Institute of International Relations at Welesley.

Louisa White reported for Raymond Wood that the money was raised for the Junior Yearly Meeting.

We desire to record our sincere appreciation of the hospitality extended to us today by the Friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 4th 1939, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther
Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh Month 4th 1939.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND
Alice C. Holman, Ethel Perry,
Ella Leonard and Emma F. Minkler.

GREENWICH

PROVIDENCE
Philip C. Gifford, Josephine H. Carr,
Mabel I. McManus, Rose Todd, Willis H. White

SWANSEA
Dorothy Williamson, Bertha L. Hathaway
Estelle Strange, Hanna M. Davis
Gertrude Mautius, Florence E. Slade,
Minnie A. Preble, Cornelia P. Lockwood.

Of these all but two are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 5th 1939 have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read.

William C. Hartnett has directed our thought to the potent power in our society which would be released if every member in their daily living exemplified the ideals set forth in the queries which have just been read.

James Coney has called our attention to the first Query and the importance of attending our meeting on First Day mornings. In such meetings, where there is a united seeking for a realization of the Presence in the midst, we should find one of our chief sources of strength and inspiration.

The Clerk reports that each of the Monthly Meetings has been notified of its share of the Yearly Meeting Quota, with the apportionment as follows:

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	33% of members	$100.98
Providence Mohthly Meeting	32% of members	97.92
Swansea Monthly Meeting	35% of members	107.10
Total quota for R. I. Quarterly Meeting -------		$306.00

Only one report from our Bible Schools has been received. Newport Bible School reports that they sent two delegates to the conference at Gonic, N. H. They state that their bible school attendance is generally around sixty or sixty five.

Our Friend, S. L. Hathaway, has given us an interesting report of his experiences in connection with his attendance and some of the hight lights of the New England Institute of International Relations held at Wellesley during the past summer.

Our Treasurer, Daniel P. Shove, has presented the following report bearing the endorsemnt of H. J. Harvey for the Auditors This report is accepted with appreciation for the services of our treasurer.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.
Treasurer's Report.

11 Month 4, 1938	Bal. cash o n hand	$1.85
12 " 1, "	Providece Monthly Meeting	100.00
5 " 31, 1939	R. I. Monthly Meeting	42.84
8 " 30, "	Providence Monthly Meeting	100.0 0
10 " 28, "	Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	50.50
	Total	$294.99
	Disbursements	
12 Month 2, 1938	Geo. G. Wolkins, Y.M. Treas.	$100.00
5 " 31, 1939	" " " " "	42.00
9 " 7, "	" " " " " "	100.00
10 " 30, "	" " " " " "	50.00
	Total	$292.00
11 " 2, "	Cash balance on hand	$2.99

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer
Somerset, Mass. 11-2-1939.
Approved 11-4-1939
H. J. Harvey

The Nominating Committee appointed in Eighth Month submitted their report. After some discussion as to the advisability of making certain additions to the membership of the Evangelistic Committee, as suggested by the Nominating Committee, it was decided that the ministers in any of our meetings are extended a welcome to sit with our Evangelistic Committee at its sessions and the cooperation of such ministers in the work of that committee is solicited.

The following named Friends, recommended by the committee, are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year:

Clerk - Archie E. Luther
Assistant Clerk - Helen T. Gifford
Auditors - Henry J. Harvey and Grace Rostrom
Treasurer - Daniel P. Shove
Financial Secretary - A. Hurford Crossman
Superintendent of Missions - Laura B. Aydelott
Superintendent of Bible Schools - Josephine H. Carr
Correspondent - Annie C. Sherman

Members of the Evangelistic Committee;

Elizabeth J. Trout
Josephine H. Carr
Annie C. Sherman
L. C. Deon Jackson
Archie E. Luther
E. Anna Tucker
Harriet E. Angle
William W. Estes
Cecil E. Pearson
Mabel I. McManus
Marguerite D. Briggs
Raymond V. Wood
Emily S. White
Bertha L. Hathaway

The following report from the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved:

Your committee had its regular meeting for business and conference after lunch today.

The meeting was opened by prayer.

The report on the conference held at Portsmouth indicated that it was a help and blessing to many who attended. It is regretted that a greater number of Friends in this Quarterly Meeting failed to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. The sub- committee to arrange the confenence was not able to make a report on the finances as all the expenses had not been checked up.

A Gospel Team is planning to attend the Saylesville Meeting tomorrow and we have appropriated $1.70 for ten galons of gas.

Another appropriation of $1.50 for the purchase of a book to be used by our director of the childrens meetings was approved of by the committee.

We also united in turning over to James Coney $3.50 to defray one half of the cost of printing the programs used in announcing the Bible School Conference and the Conference held at Portsmouth, R. I.

A meeting for the children was held today.

The report of our treasurer showed the following:

On hand	$60.93	
Offerings today	8.59	
Total	$69.52	
Disbursements;		
Portsmouth Conference		$15.00
Gospel Team		1.70
Book		1.50
Printing programs		3.50
Total		$21.70
Leaving balance on hand of		$47.82
		$69.52

Respectfully submitted
Annie C. Sherman, Secretary

Lyra T. Wolkins has given us an interesting and appreciative account of the recent Conference held at Portsmouth, R. I.

We are glad to record the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of James Coney our Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent and Alvano C. Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. We also note the presence with us and welcome today, Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting have extended to us today a Friendly hospitality and we desire to record our appreciation of same.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 4th, 1940.

Archie E. Luther Clerk.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING 1940

CLERK - Archie E. Luther, 37 Friendship St., Newport, R. I

ASST. CLERK - Helen T. Gifford, 438 Hope St., Providence, R. I.

TREASURER - Daniel P. Shove, Box 686, Fall River, Mass.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY , A. Hurford Crossman, Box 109 R. F. D.
Manville, R. I.

AUDITORS - Henry J. Harvey, 307 Lees River Ave., Somerset, Mass.
Grace Rostrom,

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS - Amy S. Hayden ~~Laura B. Aydelott, 101 Rock St. Fall River, Mass~~

SUPERINTENDENT OF BIBLE SCHOOLS - Dorothy Williamson ~~Josephine H. Carr, 207 Chapel St. Saylesville, R. I.~~

CORRESPONDENT - Helen T. Gifford

Evangelistic Committee - 1940
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X Josephine H. Carr, Vice Chairman 207 Chapel St. Saylesville, R. I.
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X L. C. Deon Jackson, 10 School St., Newport, R. I.
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~~E. Anna Tucker, Courthouse Lane, East Greenwich~~, R. I.
X Harriet E. Angle, 5 Elliott Place, Newport, R. I.
X William W. Estes, 70 Mary Ave., East Providence, R. I.
~~Cecil E. Pearson~~, ~~The Manse, Berkley, Mass.~~
~~Mabel I. McManus~~, ~~Chapel St., Saylesville, Mass.~~
Marguerite D. Briggs, Portsmouth, R. I.
~~Raymond V. Wood, P.~~ O. ~~Box336 A, Valley Falls- R. I.~~
X Emily S. White- 287 Highland Ave., Providence, R. I.
Bertha L. Hathaway, 2290 Riverside Ave., Somerset, Mass.

Property Committee

Henry J. Harvey, 307 Lees River Ave., Somerset, Mass.
Daniel P. Shove,

Representatives to Yearly Meeting 1940

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 4th 1940.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Rhode Island

Elizabeth J. Trout
L. Deon Jackson
Harriet E. Angle
Ethel Perry

Providence

L. Ralston Thomas
George Wilkie
Robert I. Todd
Charles H. White
Emily S. White

Swansea

Bertha L. Hathaway
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Mary P. Pearson
Annie R. Chace
Estelle Strange
Dorothy Williamson
Cecil E. Pearson
Daniel P. Shove

Of these all but four are in attendance and excuses have been presented on behalf of three of the absentees.

The minutes of our meeting held at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh Month 4th 1939 have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read.

Josephine H. Carr, Charles H. White and L. Deon Jackson are appointed as a committee to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as representatives to the Yeary Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1940. This committee is also to submit nominations for two members of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and for one member, for a term of two years, on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

A summary of the statistical reports received from our Monthly Meetings has been read at this time, by which it appears that our present membership is 521 , a net loss of two members as compared with the reports of the previous year.

Reports of the Spiritual Condition of the meetings have been read and the clerk is directed to make the usual summary to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting, including such other information as should properly go before that body.

A communication setting forth items of interest regarding proposed plans of the Young Friends Board for the activities under its care during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting has been received from Joseph T. Lippincott, Clerk of the Young Friends Board.

Raymond V. Wood is appointed a committee to solicit funds to be contributed toward the expenses of the young Friends at Yearly Meeting.

It is with a sense of deep loss that we record the death of our faithful Friend, Annie C. Sherman, who passed away Second Month 21st 1940. The following tribute, prepared by Lyra T. Wolkins, which was read at the funeral service for

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our late Friend is made a part of our record.

Annie C. Sherman

As one who was privileged to know our dear friend Annie C. Sherman for a number of years, I want to add my testimony to her Christian influence and character. She was one who radiated the spirit of her Master wherever she went. She had a gift of friendship; one could not help loving her; she was so full of love and goodwill and happiness that she drew others to her.

"How reverent in our midst she stood
Or knelt in grateful praise; *****

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The Gospel of a life like hers
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,
The saintly fact survives,
The blessed Master none can doubt
Revealed in holy lives."

Perhaps first of all we revere her as a teacher of little children. So many years she has had under her tutelage little ones who came to the primary school conducted by her in the Portsmouth Meeting-House. And then in Bible School work she found one of her greatest joys. For long years superintendent of the Sunday school in Newport, she has been able to carry out her belief that Christ wanted the children first of all to come to Him, so that they might begin life at His feet.

Then as a minister of the Gospel she felt a call to tell the story of the Cross wherever opportunity offered. She had been recorded some thirty-five years ago, but had never served as a paster. Her ministry was of a genuine Quaker type, a "concern" to testify to the work of grace on her own heart and a call to the unconverted to come to the Saviour.

With these two gifts, teacher and preacher, she had several years of joyous service in the island of Jamaica. One of her chief joys was to help as she found opportunity in carrying the Gospel to foreign fields. Her heart went out to Friends at work in China, in India, in Guatemale. In her last talk with me, in November, she asked me to send her the address of an English Friend in the Central Provinces, India, to whom she wished to write. And she inquired when I had heard from Rachel Mostrom, and also about Esther Baird's health. She kept in touch with these missionary friends by prayer, and letters, and by sacrificial giving.

And now her voice is hushed; we shall hear her friendly greeting no more on earth; memory alone will bring to us the influence she has had on our lives. Today she is with her Lord, called to service in the Heavenly kingdom, ministering in the larger sphere, as onle those can minister who are translated into His presence.

> "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple***

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall
feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of
watersm and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

The reprt of the committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as representatives to the coming Yearly Meeting, has submitted its reports, which is approved. The f following Friends are named as our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1940:

Charles H. White
L. Ralston Thomas
Willis H. White
Archie E. Luther
Josephine H. Carr
Helen T. Gifford
Elizabeth J. Trout
Harriet E. Angle

L. Ralston Thomas and Willis H. White are named to serve on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, Archie E. Luther is named to serve for one year and Charles H. White for two years.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved.

Report of Eveangelistic Committee

The regular meeting of the Evangelistic Committee was held after lunch today. The meeting was opened with prayer.
The following officers were appointed: Chairman- Elizabeth J. Trout, Vice Chairman - Josephine H. Carr, Sec.- Treas. L. Deon Jackson, Children's Work - Harriet E. Angle, Gospel Team Committee - Archie E. Luther, Josephine H. Carr, L. Deon Jackson.

A children's meeting has been held at each of the quarterly meetings the past year. Harold Tollefson spoke to the children at Somerset, Harriet E. Angle at Portsmouth, and Alice T. Hartnett at Providence today.

A gospel team visited Saylesville Meeting in Eleventh Month 1939.

Elizabeth J. Trout, E. Anna Tucker, Bertha Hathaway and Archie E. Luther were appointed a committee to prepare the program for a conference to be held in Portsmouth in the fall, the Lord willing.

The sum of $15.00 was appropriated for the expense of the conference.

The treasurers report was received: Amount on hand $47.82 Offereing received today$1235 making a total of $60.17

James Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting was present. Acting on his suggestion, the committee authorized the treasurer to send $25.00 to the Evangelistic Committee of the Yearly Meeting towards the deficit of that committee in aiding meeting in the Yearly Meeting with the request that it be applied to Saylesville Meeting.

Your committee feels very keenly the loss of our faithful secretary, Annie C. Sherman, who went home to be with the Lord whom she loved and served, Second Month 21st 1940. The memory of her Christian character and faithful service is an inspiration to her friends and those associated with her in the Master's service. May we, too, prove faithful unto the end.

Respectfully submitted L. Deon Jackson, Sec.

Willis H. White reports that the records of Greenwich Monthly Meeting have been deposited in the vault at Moses Brown School. Negotiations regarding the sale of the property to East Greenwich Academy are progressing.

We record the presence and acceptable ministry with us today of James A. Coney, Yearly Meeting Superintendent, Harold N. Tollefson, Yearly Meeting Bible School Superintendent and Alvano C. Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting also Clayton Fulton who has been acceptably serving Swansea Meeting.

We again record our sincere appreciation for the friendly care which has been exercised by the Providence Friends in providing for our entertainment today.

The business coming before us today having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 3rd 1940, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting og Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I.. Eighth Month 3rd 1940.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND

Dorothy Millham
L. C. Deon Jackson
Susan R. Trout
Bertha J. Yeawe

PROVIDENCE

Harold W. Myers
Mary Flagg
Ernest A. Snow
Elizabeth C. Snow

SWANSEA

Bertha L. Hathaway
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Susannah H. Lawton
Annie R. Chace
Dorothy Williamson
Arthur H. Buffinton
Minnie A. Preble
Daniel P. Shove

Of these all but one are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 4th 1940 have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read and considered. E. Annah Tucker has drawn our attention to the fact that our Queries as read are as applicable to our lives today as they were to the lives of Friends in the day whem the Quesries were first formulated.

Our appointed representatives all attended the Yearly Meeting held at Ocean Park, Maine in Sixth Month last.

The Annual Missionary Report as prepared by our Missionary Superintendennt has been read and is accepted. It is as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONAY SUPERINTENDENT

Providence has a Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee. No special activities for young people are carried on. Through combined groups of Providence Meeting and Providence Friends Fellowship, missions are brought to the attention of Friends in the Bible School and Assembly. There is no definite study of missions. There is a Womans Missionary Society in the meeting. There is a missionary library, and a small travelling library used at each meeting. There are six regular volumes and a few brought to single meetings. Two missionary books were read during the year. A missionary reading contest was sponsored by the Women s Missionary Society. There are five subscribers to the American Friend and two to the Friends Missionary Advocate. Two dollars each was given to the Hope, Faith and Love Funds. Women contributed through the Missionary Society, and there are some special gifts for missions during the year. $26.00 was given for the United Budget, $4.00 for Mission Board only, and $7.00 for Peace. Sewing was done for projects of the American Friends Service Committee. Two large packages of finished garments were sent to Philadelphia. The World Day of Prayer for Missions is observed in cooperation with other churches and is helpfull

Saylesville has a Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee which is representative as far as possible. Children up to 12 are Herding Buffaloes for Indians. Help is also given for leper work for children. The young people heard a fine address by Merle L. Davis with motion pictures, which was largely attended. Two text books, one home and one foreign are reviewed uniting with the monthly Missionary meeting at Providence. The Meeting has an Elizabeth Fry Circle. The missionary library contains about a dozen volumes. One member has completed the Honor Roll readings. There is one subscription to th American Friend and one to the Friends Missionary Advocate. The Merle Davis lecture was the only public meeting in the interest of missions. Sewing is done for the Friends Service Committee at missionary meetings. 87 lbs. of clothing was sent to Wyandotte, Okla. $5.00 was given from the Elizabeth Fry Circle for special funds, $4.00 from the Bible School for Indian Missions, $11.00 from Bible School for Leper Missions. For the United Budget, $31¢00 was given from the meeting, $5.00 from the Elizabeth Fry Circle, and $15.00 from the Bible School.

Swansea has a Junior Missionary Society for children up to 12 years of age. There are four subscribers to the American Friend. The meeting has kept in touch with the Five Years Meeting fields through special gifts of money. The first Bible School collection each month is given to missions.

Fall River reports six subscriptions to the American Friend. No active missionary work has been carried on.

Portsmouth has a representative Monthly Meeting Committee. There is a Women's Missionary Society in the meeting, with a missionary library. Twelve public meetings have been held in the interest of missions. The following amounts have been given for missionary work.Meeting $51.00, Young People $26.03, Missionary Society $106.09, Bible school $105.00 a total of $288.12

Newport: Children up to 12 years of age have mission study classes monthly. There is a Women's Missionary Society in the meeting with a library of at least 65 volumes. There is one subscription to the American Friend. 12 public meetings have been held in the interest of missions. Special offerings for missions are given each month in the meeting and Bible School. Money has gone to other than United Budget Mission Board and special projects on Five Years Meeting fields. Money was given to Friends work in Chiquimula, C. A. to the amount of $120.00. 90.00 was sent to Frank Wilbur, a San Blas Indian working among his own peole. The Missionary Society gave $100.00 to Mrs Wu in China. The Bible School gave $30.00 to the support of a Chinese girl in the Friends Mission. A total of $340.00

Respectfully submitted
Laura B. Aydelott, Missionary Supt.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

The Evangelistic Committee met at Portsmouth Eighth Month 3rd, 1940. After a period of silent devotion, E. Anna Tucker led in prayer, seeking Divine quidance in the business before us. It was suggested that the Fall Conference be held earlier than last year. It was decided that the Conference be held at Portsmouth in October. Conference programs will

will be sent to each Meeting and Friends are urged to plan to attend. A childrens' meeting was held after lunch, in charge of Harriet E. Angle. The Gospel Team Committee was requested to arrange for a Gospel Team to visit Saylesville Meeting on Eighth Month 25th. The reports of the Sec.-Treas. were approved. The offering for the day, $10.86, added to the amount on hand - $35.17, leaves a balance of $46.03 in the Treasury. Of this amount, $15.00 is available for the expenses of the Conference. The Treasurer was authorized to send $10.00 to Evangelistic Committee of the Yearly Meeting toward the deficit of that committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Deon Jackson, Sec.

A communication , together with a copy of the recommendations of the Finance Committee as approved by the Yearly Meeting, has been received from the Clerk Of the Yearly Meeting. From which we learn that the total amount to be raised to cover expenses for the current year of the Yearly Meeting is $2,000. Of this amount our proportion, onthe basis of 18%, is $360.

The Clerk is directed to advise each Monthly Meeting of its share of the quota.

A committee consisting of Daniel P. Shove, Harold W. Myers and L. Deon Jaxkson is appointed to propose at our next session the names of Friends to serve this meeting as officers for the year 1941.

Josephine H. Carr has given us a brief summary of the sesions of the Yearly Meeting, Reporting over 200 Juniors and young Friends in attendance. We appreciate this report given us and also the additional sidelights brought to us by Willis H. White and Lyra T. Wolkins. Harold W. Myers, who was unable to attend Yearly Meeting in person has related some of the interesting experiences of his son ,Gerald Myers, who did attend.

We are saddened by the news brought us of the recent death of William T. Hussey of Dover Quarterly Meeting.

Florence Mae Smith has expressed her appreciation of the opportunity to be with us today and has briefly described some of the present day problems confronting our work in Jamaica, B. W. I.

Elizabeth J. Trout has told of a conversation she had held with a missionary recently returned from China and who had met our Friend Rachel Mostrom. Weare urged to remember these missionary Friends in our prayers..

We welcome the presence with us today of Florence Mae Smith, Seaside Monthly Meeting of Friends in Jamaica, B. W. I. and Henry H. Mosher of Goshen Quarterly Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting

The luncheon hour has again provided an opportunity for fellowship and we gladly record this minute of appreciation for the kind and generous hospitality provided by the Friends who have been our hosts today.

Cornelia P. Lockwood has expressed a concernthat the young people should be grounded in their conviction regarding their conscientious objection to participating in military duty or preparedness for war. That we owe it to our young people to help them to get a right understanding of the testimony of our society regarding war. She has also urged that the associate members be encouraged to make their decisions regarding becoming full or active members.

Our Monthly Meetings are advised to give their immediate and serious consideration to the question of providing such of our young people as may be affected by the draft, a suitable letter or certificate of membership.

Elizabeth J. Trout has called our attention to the legislation providing for compulsary militaru training contained in a bill now pending in the Congress of the United States, pointing out the necessity of doing all in our power to register our protest against the enactment of such into law.

The business coming before us having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month, 2nd 1940, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther

Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 2nd, 1940.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND
Ethel Perry
Dorothy Millham
L. C. Deon Jackson
Isabel Truax
PROVIDENCE
Josephine H. Carr
Elizabeth C. Snow
Mabel I. McManus
Mildred Wood
William W. Estes
Russell H. White
Raymond V. Wood
Ernest A. Snow
SWANSEA
Bertha L. Hathaway
Mary A. Harvey
Susannah Lawton
Annie R. Chase
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Alice F. Pope
A. Homer Skinner
Dorothy Williamson

Of these all but one are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month 3rd, 1940 have been read and they are approved.

The Queries have been read.

The Nominating Committee, appointed in Eighth Month, submitted their report. The following named Friends, as recommended by the committee, are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year:
Clerk - Archie E. Luther
Assistant Clerk - Helen T. Gifford
Treasurer - Daniel P. Shove
Financial Secretary - A. Hurford Crossman
Auditors - Henry J. Harvey and Grace Rostrom
Superintendent of Missions -Amy S. Hayden
Superintendent of Bible Schools - Dorothy Williamson
Correspondent - Helen T. Gifford
Evangelistic Committee;
Elizabeth J. Trout
Josephine H. Carr
L. C. Deon Jackson
Archie E. Luther
E. Annah Tusker
Harriet E. Angle
William W. Estes
Cecil E. Pearson
Mabel I. McManus
Marguerite D. Briggs
Raymond V. Wood
Emily S. White
Bertha L. Hathaway
Property Committeen
Henry J. Harvey and Daniel P. Shove

The report of our Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

The regular meeting of the Evangelistic Committee was held after lunch Eleventh Month 2nd 1940. A period of silent devotion followed by prayer by JosephineH. Carr, preceeded the business before us. In several comments on the recent Fall Conference held at Portsmouth, R. I., reference was made to the help and

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blessing received during those sessions. An additional sum of ten dollars was appropriated for the expense of the conference. A Gospel team visted Saylesville Meeting on Eighth Month 25th 1940. A concern was expressed that gospel teams extend their visits to other meetings in the Quarterly Meeting. To meet the expense of the trip to saylesville, $2.00 was appropriated. During the discussion concerning problems and opportunities in some of the meetings in our Quarterly Meeting, suggestions were made bynby our Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent, James A. Coney, who met with us today. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Also the report of the Sec.-Treas. The offering today was $7.81 which added to the amount on hand $21.03, leaves a balance in the treasury of $2884.

For the Committee
Deon Jackson Sec.- Treas.

Our Yearly Meeting Genrral Superintendent, James A. Coney, has given us an interesting account of the recent sessions of the Five Years MeetingM In speaking to the subject of our peace testimony James Coney has brought out that our testimony against war can be explained and substanciated by the holy scriptures in both the Old and the New Testiments. George Fox claimed that the truth of this conviction was given him by inspiration. Consequently he did not change under the press of varying circumstances, in times of war or times of peace.

Some tribute has been paid to the life and character of our late Friend Mary W. Macomber, an Elder and a member of Portsmouth Meeting, who died Ninth Month 10, 1940.

We record the presence and acceptable ministry with us todday of our Yearly Meeting Superintendent, James A. Coney and Harold B. Kuhn, a Minister, of Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting, with a minute from The North Side Friends, Grinnell, Iowa.

Our grateful appreciation for the hospitality extended to us today is hereby recorded and our thanks extended to the Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting for their efforts in behalf of our comfort today.

The business coming before us having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again in Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 3rd 1941.

Archie E. Luther
Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 3rd 1941.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND

Ethel M. Perry
Edwin K. Trout
L. Deon Jackson
Dorothy Millham

PROVIDENCE

Emily S. White
Mildred Wood
Rose Todd
Fred Luther
Josephine H. Carr
Ernest Snow
Elizabeth Snow
Elizabeth Estes
William Estes

SWANSEA

Susannah H. Lawton
Bertha L. Hathaway
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy F. Williamson
A. Homer Skinner
Estelle Strange
Mary A. Harvey
Cecil E. Pearson
Annie R. Chase

Of these all but eight are in attendance.

The minutes of our meeting held at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh Month 2nd, 1940 have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read.

Josephine H. Carr, Charles H. White and Elizabeth J. Trout are appointed as a committee to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as representatives to the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1941. This committee is also to submit nominations for two members of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and for one member, for a term of two years, on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

A summary of the statistical reports received from our Monthly Meetings has been read at this time, by which it appears that our membership at the close of the year 1940 was 472, a net loss of 49 as compared with reports of the previous year.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the meetings have been read and the Clerk is directed to make the usual summary to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting together with the statistical reports and including such other information as should properly go before that body

A communication, calling our attention to items of interest regarding plans of the Young Friends Board for the activities under its care during the sessions of the YearlynMeeting, has been received from Joseph T. Lippincott, Clerk of the Young Friends Board.

Raymond V. Wood is requested to serve as a committee to solicit contributions from the Monthly Meetings for the Young Friends Work.

The report of the committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as representatives to the coming Yearly Meeting, has submitted its report, which is approved. The following Friends are named as our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1941:

Charles H. White p
Elizabeth J. Trout p
Josephine H. Carr p
Charlotte DeWare p
Archie E. Luther p
Helen T. Gifford p
L. Ralston Thomas a
Willis H. White p

Alternates

Philip C. Gifford p
Margaret G. Sisson a
David L. Davison a
Harold W. Myers

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~~Willis H.~~ White and L. Ralston Thomas are named to serve on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, Charles H. White is named to serve for one year and Archie E. Luther for two years. For the Young Friends Board; Gerald Myers.

Dorothy Williamson, Bible School Superintendent, has submitted her report which is approved and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools.

Report of Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools.

Your Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools has not been able to visit the schools as she would like to have, so the report must of necessity be taken from the statistical reports alone.

Total enrollment - 268
Attending - 215
Home Department and Cradle Roll - 54
Average attendance -162
Number of Friends - 71
Members received into church - 2

Newport notes since changingfrom unison openings to seperate periods of worship by Juniors - Intermediates, Adults and combined Primary and Beginers more interest is shown and works satisfactory. All meet for closing exercises.

Saylesville tells of the struggle to regain regain members who have drifted to other schools and the lack of teachers. Still, comes the strengthening statement of increased attendance and the completed record of one child for nine years, another for two and two for one year. This record from an enrollment of 16 is really encouraging. Excellent plans for combined work with another church and the sharingnof expenses in the coming school this summer is told.

Portsmouth has a strong enrollment of Friends and shows a keen interest in missions and helps materially. Combined with Newport they support a worker in Guatamala.

Providence reports a small but earnest class of adults with a generous contribution to charities.

Swansea records an excellent teaching staff and a keen interest upon the part of the students for service in both the school, community and abroad.

Most schools report regular missionary instructions but none in supplimentary Friends History. The itemized yearly report is forwarded to Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools - Harold N. Tollefson.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy F. Williamson

The Report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

"The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 3, 1941.

The present officers were appointed to serve for another year; Chairman - Elizabeth J. Trout, Vice Chairman - Josephine H. Carr, Sec.- Treas. Deon Jackson.

Josephine H. Carr, Archie E. Luther and Deon Jackson were continued as the committee in charge of Gospel Team services.

It was decided to hold a Fall Conference at Prtsmouth again this year. A committee was named to make arrangements for the conference, consisting of the following: Elizabeth J. Trout, Archie E. Luther, Josephine H. Carr and Norman E. Trafton.

The sum of ten dollars was made available for the expense of the conference.

The Treasurer's statement for the quarter showed a balance of $16.84 which with the morning offering of $9.50 makes a total of $26.34 on hand. The report for the year showed receipts of $78.84 and expenditures of $62.0 0 during the year.

The Treasurer was authorized to send $15.00 to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England for the work of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee.

A letter from the Yearly Meeting Treasurer was read, expressing appreciation for ten dollars received from this committee toward the deficit of the Evangelistic Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee
Deon Jackson, Sec.

We are appreciative of the presence and acceptable ministry with us today of our Yearly Meeting Superintendent, James A. Coney. The Five Years Meeting having appointed James A. Coney to represent that body in the establishment of a Yearly Meeting of Friends at Jamaica, he has today described to us the various steps taken in the setting up of the Jamaica Yearly Meeting which came into being Fourth Month 15, 1941, at Seaside, Jamica. As members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, which we believe to have an older continuous history than any other Yearly Meeting in the world, we are glad that one of our numeber should have been chosen to perform so important a part in the birth of this new yearly Meeting. We have been greatly interested in James A. Coney's account of his meeting with and fellow ship with the Friends in Jamaica.

Our Friend and former member, Walter J. Ladd, from Salem Quarterly Meeting is a welcome visitor with us today.

We have enjoyed our fellowship with one another today. This has been promoted and deepened through the friendly hospitality extended to us by Providence Monthly Meeting for which we extend our sincere thanks to these Friends who have been our hosts.

James A. Coney has brought to the attention of those who will serve as representatives to the Yearly Meeting, the fact that it will be necessary to select a new Clerk this year.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 2nd 1941, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther Clerk

THOMAS YATES JACKSON

Thomas Yates Jackson was born at Burnley, Lancashire, England, on May 31, 1844, the son of John and Sarah Hargreaves Jackson.

He came to America in 1870 and first settled in Valley Falls, R. I. After five years, he located in Limerock, Saylesville. A stone-mason by trade, he laid the first stone in the building of the Berkeley Mill in 1872.

He was recorded a Minister and served Saylesville Meeting with devotion for 40 years.

He started the first Sunday School with 7 children and was always deeply interested in work for children. By his labor, the gallery was divided into five suitable classrooms.

He was a man of gentle and sympathetic spirit, ready to encourage, and always leaving the impress of optimism and good cheer. His mind was a store-house of poetry, in which he always delighted.

After a weeks illness, he quietly "fell on sleep" on Sunday evening, April 20, 1941, at the age of 96 years, 11 months.

He is survived by four children, 27 grandchildren and great grand-children and 2 great, great grand children.

Funeral services were held in the Saylesville Meetinghouse with a large attendance. Josephine H. Carr, Harold N. Tollefson, Willis H. White and John C. Culbert participating.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month 2nd 1941.

Louisa White is appointed Assistant Clekk for the day.

The several Monthly Meeting report the appointment of representatimes as follows:

RHODE ISLAND

Deborah Childs
Dorothy Millham
Barbara Briggs
Alice Morris

PROVIDENCE

Mary H. W. Flagg
Elizabeth S. Estes
William W. Estes
Josephine H. Carr
George Straight
Elizabeth C. Snow
Ernest A. Snow
William Alden Brown

SWANSEA

Bertha L. Hathaway
Dorothy F. Williamson
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Estelle J. Strange
Alice F. Pope
Cecil E. Pearson
Mary P. Pearson
Hanna M. Davis
Susannah H. Lawton
Annie R. Chase

Of these all but six are in attendance.

The Minutes of our meeting held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month 3rd 1941, have been read and approved with one correction.

The Queries have been read. James a. Coney, Cornelia P. Lockwood, Harold N. Tollefson, Alice R. Jackson and Willis H. White have spoken to the queries. They have urged the Importance of these testimonies and have stressed those with respect to war and the taking of human life.

Of our representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1941, all attended except one. Sickness was the cause of the one absence.

A communication, together with a copy of the recommendations of the Finance Committee, as approved by the yearly Meeting, has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. From which we learn that the total amount to be raised to cover expenses of the Yearly Meeting for the current year is $2,000 . Of this amount our proportion, on the basis of 18% is $360.

The Clerk is directed to advise each Monthly Meeting of its share of the quota.

The Annual Missionary Report has been read and is accepted. It is as Follows:

MISSIONARY REPORT FOR RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING
From 3rd Month 31, 1940 to 3rd Month 31, 1941.

Portsmouth has used the following means of missionary education effectively this year- viz- Missionary studies in the young peoples group, outside speakers, and the Women's Missionary Society. One evening a month is devoted wholly to missionary work, with men, women and children present. The attendance and interest are evident. The members are ever alert to consider world conditions. The following amounts have been sent to missionary work -Meeting $107.35, Missionary Society $102.00, Bible School $10 5.00- Young People $37.40, Total $351.75. The Friends at Portsmouth are cooperating with Newport in supporting a worker in the San Blas Islands and helping towards a worker in Friends work in Central America, Belgium, Friends in China, work in Brooklyn, N. Y. and some other needy fields.

Newport makes use of missionary education in the regular Bible School lessons at occasional programs in the beginning or closing os the Bible School, monthly missionary studies in the young peoples society, the Womens Missionary Society and two outside speakers. There is one subscriber to the American Friend. The men are kept informed through the monthly missionary eveening meeting. The meeting is growing in Christian world mindedness.

Providence The local meeting has functioned efficiently during the year, both with sewing and study books. The following means have been used effectively in missionary education this year viz- Regular Bible School lessions, missionary studies in the young peoples' society, outside speakers, schools of missions, or International Fellowship at various times, and the Women's M Missionary Society. There are five subscribers to Friendly Flashes, three to the Missionary Advocate, and sis to the American Friend. The Meeting buys study material published by the American Friends Board of Missions which is displayed at Yearly Meeting. At least part of the annual study material published hy the Missionary Education movement was used. Eight books on missions or world wide Christianity have been used by the members. The following books have been most widely read:- by the members:- "More on Youth" by Allee. Dangerous Opportunity" by Ballon, "One Meeting" an address on South America by Dorothy Leonard. Efforts have been made to hear from speakers who can bring news of misionary value to men as well as women. The meeting is growing in Christiam World mindedness. $105 was contributed to missions of the Five Years Meeting by the Women's Missionary Society and $54. from the sewing group for the American Friends Service Sommittee. There are 76 resident and non-resident members. The average annual contribution per member to missions is over $1.00. The meeting has found reports and books reviewed at missionary Meetings a monthly interest and much look forward to. News from the Ramallah mission is enjoyed Lectures have been attended and summaries brought back for the group. In the Fall an all-day session of the Federation of Women's Church Societies of Rhode Island was attended. The material from theFederal Council of Churches helps very much. Saylesville reports a Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee appointed which does not function. Some of the Saylesville women are members of the Providence Women's Missionary Society. There is an Elizabeth Fry missionary circle which meets weekly with about a dozen attenders. $3.00 has been given for the anneversary fund. 100 lbs& of clothing have been sent to the American Friends Service Committee and 13 knitted garments to the Salvation Army for distribution in London. Babies garments are being made for the American Friends Service Committee. The meeting has sent $46.00 to the United Budget. The special Easter Offering of $10.64 was sent to the American Friends Service C Committee. Two missionary speakers were heard during the year. Gertrude Rinden and Florence Smith of Jamaica. $7.00 was given to these speakers. The Bible School Children have given $8.50 for leper missions and $4.00 for the June Christmas Tree at Yearly Meeting. At the weekly meetings of the Elizabeth Fry Circle missionary letters are read and the Missionary Advocate is used in the programs. Three members attended the missionary meetings at Yearly Meeting.

Fall River reports 6 subscribers to the American Friend. Owing to the present inactivity of the meeting no missionary work has been carried on.

Swansea reports 5 regular Bible School lessions in missionary education, also 10 missionary worship programs in the beginning or closing of the Bible School& Five missionary sermons have been given by the pastor and 3 by outside speakers. One missionary program was given by the Junior Missionary Society. As visual aids w motion pictures were used, and one film slide. There are 3 subscribers to the American Friend in the meeting. Efforts to keep the men as well informed as the women are used in the Bible School and Church Service. The meeting is growing in Christian world mindedness. $35 was contributed for missions of the Yearly Meeting. The first Sabbath of each month a missionary service is held and the Bible School collection is sent for missionary work to the United Budget.

Respectfully submitted, Laura B. Aydelott
M iss. Supt.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Portsmouth, R. I., on Eighth Month 2nd 1941.

Prayer was offered for Divine guidance in the business before us.

Information was given concerning conditions at the camps for conscientious objectors. There was some discussion concerning the possibility of a Gospel team visiting the camp at Royalston, Mass. where two young men, members of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting are located. Suggestions concerning such a visit were made by James A. Coney, General Superintendent of our Yearly Meeting, who met with us today.

A Gospel team visted Saylesville Meeting in Eighth Month.

The tentative date for the Fall Conference at Portsmouth, R. I., is Tenth Month the 8th,9th, and 10th.

The treasurer reported the offering for the day as being $11.42 and a balance in the treasury of $27.76.

For the Committee

Deon Jackson, Secretary

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We are glad to have with us today our Yearly Meeting Superintendent, James A. Coney and our Yearly Meeting Superintendant of Bible Schools Harold N. Tollefson.

James A. Coney has voiced a concern that we must face the necessity of adopting some form of affiliated membership and has given expression to his own feeling that some provision should be made whereby worth persons could work with us even if they cannot fully accept all of our views

Harold N. Tollefson has spoken to us regarding the Civilian Public Service Camps and our privilege and responsibility as Friends in supporting financially the boys who have gone and will go to these camps.

Willis H. White has urged that very great care shall be exercised whenever an attempt is made to revise the membership lists of the Monthly Meetings.

A committee consisting ofJosephine H. Carr, Deon Jackson and Dorothy Williamson is appointed to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as officers for the year 1942.

The following tribute to our late Friend Emma B. Buffington, as prepared by Swansea Preparative Meeting, adopted by Swansea Monthly Meeting and forwarded to this meeting has been read and will be thus incorporated in our minutes of today.

TRIBUTE TO EMMA B. BUFFINGTON.

For several months the Death Angel hovered near, beckoning the spirit of Emma B. Buffington, which returned to God who gave it June 23rd, 1941.

In eary girlhood she became a member of the Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends and in her passing the meeting loses a loyal and esteemed member, as her early devotion to the meeting grew deeper as the years rolled by and her interest in it was ever foremost in her heart.

Her life exemplified love and peace and a quiet unassuming personality which endeared herto all those who knew her. She gave generously to the support of the meeting and was always ready to dispense alms if needed, but was ever careful to avoid publicity.

Her strength of character was not due so much in what she said but to the consistencyof the life she led and to the high principles for which she stood.

She is survived by a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

We thank our hosts of the day for the bountiful lunch which they have provided us with today.

Harold N. Tollefson announces that plans are being perfected to establish a Quarterly Meeting for the Juniors in this Quarter and that it is expected that the plans will be in operation at our next Quarterly Meeting in Eleventh Month.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we adjourn to meet again at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 1st, 1941, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 1st 1941.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

RHODE ISLAND
Emma Minkler
L.Deon Jackson
Ethel M.Perry
Susan R.Trout

PROVIDENCE
Helen T.Gifford
Elizabeth S.Estes
Josephine H.Carr
Marion Wood
Charles H.White
William W.Estes

SWANSEA
Susannah H. Lawton
Estelle J. Strange
Cornelia P.Lockwood
Hanna M.Davis
Annie R.Chace
Mary A. Harvey
A.Homer Skinner
Bertha L.Hathaway
Dorothy F.Williamson
Alice F.Pope

of these all but three are in attendence.

The Minutes of our meeting held at Portsmouth,R.I., Eighth Month 2nd 1941 have been read and they are approved.

The Queries have been read at this time.

Reports;

The report of our Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved. It is as follows:

The business meeting of the Evangelistic Committee was held after lunch. In the informal report on the fourth Fall Conference held at Portsmouth in 10th month, there were several expressions concerning the help and blessing received from the evangelistic messages and the discussions. The conference theme was "Reality in a Chaotic World." The attendence at the Conference was notably larger than at the three previous conferences, twelve meetings being represented.

Following the discussion of a proposed visit for gospel service to the C.P.S. camp at Royalston,Mass., during or near the Christmas season, it was decided that each meeting in the Quarterly Meeting be invited to cooperate. Elizabeth Trout was named as chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the visit.

The treasurer reported a balance of $18.30. The offering for the day is $11.49, making a total of $29.79 in the Treasury.

The secretary was instructed to send to Portsmouth Meeting as expression of our appreciation of their hospitality and service at the Fall Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

L.Deon Jackson, Sec.&Treas.

Report of Nominating Committee:

Clerk	Archie E.Luther
Asst.Clerk	Helen T. Gifford
Treas.	Daniel Shove
Bible School Supt.	Dorothy Williamson
Miss.Supt.	Amy S. Hayden
Evang.Com.	Elizabeth J. Trout

Evang. Com. Josephine H. Carr
L.Deon Jackson
Harriet Angle
Emily S. White
Archie E/ Luther
William W. Estes

The above named Friend's, as recommended by the committee, are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year.

We have received the report submitted by our Treas. Daniel P. Shove which we accept. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report:

11th. Month. 2nd. 1939. Bal. Cash on hand	$2.99
Received from Rhode Island, Providence, and Swansea Monthly Meetings	$737.80
Making a Total of Quotas	$740.79

Disbursments:

Paid George G.Wolkins	Yearly Meeting Tr.	$696.00
11th. Month 1st. 1941	Bal. on hand	$44.79

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel P.Shove; Treas.

The Nominating Committee informs us that due to the fact that they did not have a complete list of the members now serving on the Evangelistic Committee, they had not reported in full on that item. In view of this fact the committee is continued in order to complete their work.

Helen Gifford has brought the suggestion from Providence Monthly Meeting that a message be sent from the quarterly Meeting to Edward and Marion Kelsey. Also that a message of love be sent to Alice Jones.

We are glad to adopt this suggestion.

We unite in sending a message to Sarah J.Swift on the occasion of her 95th birthday, which occured of Nov. 16th.

Our Assistant Clerk has consented to compose the above letters which will also bear the signature of the Clerk.

Louisa White has brought to our minds the seriousness of our responsibility as Friend's toward financial support of the Civilian Public Service Camp. There is need for all Friends to contribute as far as possible.

We record the presence and acceptable ministry with us today of:

Everett Chapman and Marie	of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
Alvan C. Goddard	of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
Harold W.Tollefson	Yearly Meeting Supt. of Bible Schools
Joseph Richardson	A minister of the Nazarene Church

Once again we have enjoyed the privilege of meeting together in Christian fellowship. We also appreciate the provisions made for our comfort and extend our thanks to the Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting for their hospitality today.

We are glad to note the active operation of a Junior Quarterly Meeting now in session in an adjoining room. We are advised that they selected the following as their officers:

Ted Williamson	Presiding Clerk
William Hartnett	Recording Clerk
Barton Meyer	Treasurer

The business coming before us having been concluded we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again at Providence, R.I. Fifth Month 2nd 1942.

Archie E. Luther Clerk

ARCHIE E LUTHER

The Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends sustained a great loss in its officiary in the death of Archie E. Luther which took place 4th month 10th, 1942 very unexpectedly in his sixty third year.

He came from Providence to Newport many years ago, and after a time became a convinced member of the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends. It is fitting that at this time we gratefully acknowledge his conscientious service as treasurer for some years, closing at the time of his death, and we are grateful for all faithful service given in the other offices which were made vacant by his passing. We remember his firmness in standing for what he believed to be right. Some may question,why this Providence? We quote:- God nothing does, nor suffers to be done, but thou wouldst do thyself if thou couldst see the end of all, as well as He. Unquote. William Cowper wrote:- Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain, God is his own interpreter and He will make it plain."

Taken from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Minutes of 5th month 27th, 1942

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence R. I. Fifth Month 2, 1942.

Clerks named for the day: Helen T. Gifford and Josephine H.Carr.

The several Monthly Meetings report the naming of the following representatives to attend this meeting:

RHODE ISLAND

L. Deon Jackson
Harriet E. Angle
Ethel M. Perry
Bertha J. Yeaw

PROVIDENCE

Elizabeth C. Snow
Ernest A. Snow
Emily S. White
Helen T. Gifford
Elizabeth S. Estes
William W. Estes

SWANSEA

Bertha L. Hathaway
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy F. Williamson
Mary A. Harvey
Susannah H. Lawton
Gertrude Mantins
Daniel P. Shove
Russell W. Hathaway
Ted Williamson

All in attendance but three.

The minutes of the meeting held in Somerset Massachusetts 11th month 1st, 1941 were read and approved. The Treasurer reported that by the fourth of the month there would be ample funds for the Quarterly Meeting quota to Eleventh Month.

Marguerite D. Briggs, Susannah H. Lawton and William W. Estes were named to bring forward names of Representatives from this meeting to Yearly Meeting next to be held at Ocean Park sixth mo. 23rd. This committee is also to bring in names for two members of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and one member for two years on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

The summary of the Statistical Reports was read at this time, by which it appears that our present membership is 460.

Summary of the Spiritual Condition of our Meetings was read and approved. The Queries were read at this time. James A. Coney Norman E. Trafton and Alvano C. Goddard responded to our testimony on peace and its influence on our many lives. The true testimony must come from within and as we live our message so will our position be strengthened. We were encouraged to continue our study and application of the seven point program that is part of our testimony. 1. Money, 2. Worship, 3. Evangelism, 4. Christian Education 5. Community Welfare, 6. Fellowship, 7. Missions. Tithing and stewardship practiced with the other departments help to bring about a peaceful world.

It is with a sense of deep loss that we record the death of our faithful friend and clerk Archie E. Luther, who passed away on Fourth month 10th, 1942. A memorial Minute will be prepared by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for these records with the approval of the acting clerk. to be forwarded also to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Raymond V. Wood was appointed to solicit funds for the Young Friends budget

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for Yearly Meeting. There were many expressions of appreciation for the work of the Young Friends and we look forward to their fine program at Ocean Park.

The report of the Bible School Superintendent was not ready and the Missionary reports are to be forwarded directly to Yearly Meeting.

The list of names for the Evangelistic Committee now being complete it is as follows:

Elizabeth J, Trout
Josephine H. Carr
L. Deon Jackson
E. Annah Tucker
Harriet E. Angle
William W. Estes
Marguerite D. Briggs
Emily S. White
Bertha L. Hathaway

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and approved it follows:

The regular meeting of the Evangelistic Committee was held after lunch. The meeting was opened with a period of devotion. The reports of the secretary-treasurer were approved. The balance of $29.79 was increased by the offering for the day of $9.72 to a total of $39.51 in the treasury. The financial report of the Fall Conference at Portsmouth was accepted showing total receipts of $65.50 and expenditures amounting to $66.24
A letter from Civilian Public Service Camp # 10 at Royalston, Mass. was read, expressing the gratitude of the men at the camp for our visit there in 11th month 1941. Twentyseven persons made the trip in six cars, taking donations of food and many useful articles sent from four meetings. After dinner the staff and young men of the camp and the visiting Friends assembled for a helpful Gospel service, with a helpful message by Norman E. Trafton.
During the Quarter, Josephine H. Carr and Charles H. White visited Swansea Meeting, speaking to a large group of young people present. William W. Estes was appointed treasurer of the Evangelistic Committee. We feel very keenly the loss of a faithful member of our committee, Archie E. Luther, who passed away 4th month 10th 1942. The memory of his faithful service and his steadfast and unswerving stand for his convictions are an inspiration to us.

L. Deon Jackson, secretary.

Report of the Nominating Committee appointed in this meeting:
We suggest the following names 9 persons to serve as representatives to Yearly Meeting next to be held at Ocean Park Maine 6th month 23rd.

Louisa White
L. Ralston Thomas
Willis H. White
/Dorothy F. Williamson
Josephine H. Carr
Helen T. Gifford
×Elizabeth J. Trout
×Charlotte Deware
Philip C. Gifford --Alternate
×Harold W. Myers "
×Margaret G. Sisson "
×David L. Davidson "

Yearly Meeting Finance Com.
L. Ralston Thomas
Louisa White

Nominating Committee for Yearly Mtg
2 years- Charles H. White
1 yr. - Josephine H. Carr.

We note the helpful presence of James A, Cohey, Alvano C. Goddard and Norman E. Trafton, their messages have been deep and speak to our condition. 35 persons present at this session. We again record our sincere appreciation for the friendly care which has been exercised by Providence Friends today. The business having been concluded we do now adjourn purposing to meet in Portsmouth R.I. in 8th month.

Helen T. Gifford clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month, 1st, 1942:

Josephine H. Carr was appointed clerk for the day and Charles H. White, assistant clerk.

From accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are: -

RHODE ISLAND,-

John F. Chase, Jr.
Alice Morris
Harriet E. Angle
Susan R. Trout
All are present

PROVIDENCE,-

William W. Estes
Willis H.White
Mary H. W. Flagg
× Harold W. Myers
Josephine H. Carr
Emily S. White
All are present except one.

SWANSEA,-

Susannah H. Lawton
Bertha L. Hathaway
×Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy F.Williamson
Gertrude Mantius
Daniel P.Shove
×Harold Mantius
Estelle Strange
×Ruth E. Lockwood
All present except three

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Daniel P. Shove, Quarterly Meeting treasurer, reports that all bills have been paid. The next Yearly Meeting Quota payment will be met on 11th month 1st.

Five of the representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine, attended and answered to their names. Alternates appointed were Mary H. W. Flagg and Emily S. White. Excuses were given for the absence of Margaret G. Sisson. Philip C. Gifford came on 5th day.

The clerk of the Yearly Meeting has forwarded the recommendations of the Finance Committee for 1942-1943 as approved by the Yearly Meeting, on the basis of 18% for Rhode Island, the same as last year. This quarter's quota is $360, divided as follows:--

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting,	$111.60
Providence Monthly Meeting,	115.20
Swansea Monthly Meeting,	133.20
	$ 360.00

James A. Coney has reminded us again of our two-fold program of service. The Quota for Yearly Meeting expenses is our obligation. The United Budget of $7000 covers our missionary benevolences for work at home and abroad. This is voluntary and must not be neglected.

Alvano C. Goddard and Charles H. White have added words of encouragement and suggestion.

Providence Monthly Meeting has forwarded a tribute to our beloved friend and member, Edith T. Battey, which is as follows:

> At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee of Providence Monthly Meeting, held at Saylesville, R. I., 7th month, 30th, 1942, deep sorrow was expressed over the recent death of our friend, Edith T. Battey, which occurred at Ruttledge, Pa., 7th month, 21st, 1942. A funeral service was held at Providence, R. I., 7th month, 24th, in which Willis H. White, Josephine H. Carr, Helen T. Gifford and Harold W. Myers participated. The memory of her faithful service and her understanding spirit will be a constant inspiration to all who were associated with her. Theinterest of the meeting was ever her first thought. Truly, "she hath done what she could" and the memory of her beautiful spirit is blessed.
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> Josephine H. Carr,
> (Clerk, Pastoral Committee)

A tribute prepared by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to our late clerk, Archie E. Luther, has been read. Harold N. Tollefson has added words of personal appreciation to his lasting memory.

An interesting letter has been read from A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey of Ram Allah.

Amy S. Hayden, Supt. of Missions has presented her annual report and this has been accepted. Josephine H. Carr recommends the wider use of "Friendly Flashes." The report follows:--

Reports of missionary activities have been received from each of the local meetings except the Fall River meeting which has no missionary organization.

> For the most part, the missionary committees have not functioned efficiently but the work has been done in the Sunday Schools and Women's Missionary Society. Educational work has been done in the Sunday School through missionary stories, pictures and short talks. Usually one Sunday each month is set aside as Missionary Sunday.
> In Saylesville, the children have a bank called "Little Pete" which is opened on Christmas, Easter and Children's Day and the money used for work among lepers.
> Swansea has great hopes for growing interest in their new junior band.
> The adult groups have been reached through motion pictures and slide pictures, sermons by the pastor, outside speakers, and literature.

Six Missionary Advocates are received in the Quarterly Meeting and Friendly Flashes are used only in Providence and Saylesville. These monthly leaflets with the most recent missionary news are sent free on request. The books most widely read were "Christian Roots of Democracy in America" by Arthur Holt, "The Christian Imperative", by R. P. Barnes, "The Grace of Giving" by Burroughs, and "The Seed and the Soil".

The Elizabeth Fry Missionary Group in Saylesville meet once a week to read missionary books, biography and letters and to sew. Other groups meet once a month. Portsmouth has a family night each month with supper and a program. At one of the supper meetings of the United Friends group in Providence, Frances Wheeler, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Yearly Meeting, gave an interesting talk on Friends Missions, which clarified in many minds just where Friends are doing missionary work. Another speaker at one of these supper meetings was Mr. Williams, president of the Urban League in Providence, R. I., which aims to create a better understanding between races and helps the negro in industry. The Providence young people have been active in a home mission project.

During World Affairs Week, Friends sponsored one of the programs. Howard Elkington spoke on Germany. 250 people attended.

Two members read the prescribed books and met other requirements so they were placed on the Missionary Education Honor Roll.

Sewing and knitting have been done for the American Friends Service Committee.

Portsmouth has exceeded all other meetings in its financial support of missions, having sent $606.22. Saylesville has special envelopes and finds more people including men have become interested in giving for missions.

Amy S. Hayden
R. I. Quarterly Meeting Superintendent
of Missions.

Dorothy F. Williamson, Supt. of Bible School, has read her annual report, in which she especially stresses the need of the teaching of Friends' principles. The report follows:

Providence has held its attendance and the spirit feeling is excellent uplifting knowledge. The Group now meeting at the Lincoln School will open with them. First of next month-- September.

Saylesville-- Loss of members, yet encouraging report of several children's perfect attendance for 4 years is worth noting.

Newport states attendance very good and spiritual conditions excellent. Largest enrollment in quarterly.

Swansea--lost several members and gained a few with a great deal of expectation that the coming year will bring additional

ones. We regret the loss of the older boys but hope a Young Peoples Group may draw them into religious education. C.P.S. stamps being purchased by each class.
Portsmouth notes a temporary lull in attendanse but feels it to be justtempory, due to parents working, etc.
Notice American Friends Service Committee is remembered by schools.
Sorry to see not enough Friends History or doctrine is being taught in schools again this year. Would like to see more Missionary interest in all schools. Keep open no matter how small an attendance for it is only by being faithful can we hope to build for the Master and inspire faithfulness in others, thus fulfilling in a small measure that which is expected of us, by Him whom we serve.

Total enrollment 229.

Dorothy F. Williamson,
Supt. of Bible Schools.

The following names have been approved to serve as a Nominating Committee, to bring forward a list of officers for the Quarterly Meeting, to report in the 11th Month, at So. Somerset, Mass.,:--

Elizabeth J. Trout
Charles H. White
Cornelia P. Lockwood

L. Deon Jackson has reported for the Evangelistic Committee and the report has been approved. The report follows: --

The Evangelistic Committee of R. I. Quarterly Meeting met at Portsmouth, 8th month, 1st, 1942.
The meeting was opened by our Chairman with prayer for Divine Guidance.
The record of the last meeting and the report of the treasurer were approved.

Balance on hand --	$39.51
Morning offering --	9.49
Total in the treasury	$49.00

There followed a discussion concerning the advisability of holding our annual fall conference at Portsmouth on account of the transportation situation. We were glad for the attendance of James Coney, who exhorted against curtailing the work of the Lord.
The Committee agreed, as expressed by James Coney, that these days, more than ever, we need times of meditation and Christian fellowship for our encouragement in the Lord. It was decided to hold the Conference in the Fall. The Conference Committee was continued with the addition of William W. Estes to take the place of our lamented friend, Archie E. Luther.

The sum of $20 was appropriated for the expense of the Conference.

Genelle Day, a home missionary of the Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association, was in attendance at the Quarterly Meeting today and gave one of the encouraging messages of our morning service for worship.

The treasurer was authorized to give to Genelle Day $10 for the work of the association she represents and to send to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting $10 for the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, to be applied to Saylesville Meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

The Queries have been read. Alvano C. Goddard warns against our becoming so familiar with their precepts, that we lapse into disregard of their import on our daily living.

James A. Coney informs us that the Yearly Meeting approved the appointment of an executive committee to handle the matters of Civilian Public Service work. James A. Coney is chairman, Lindley M. Binford, consultant, and Lelia S. Marstaller, secretary. The Quarterly Meetings will have representatives on this committee. Norman E. Leafton is representative for R. I. Quarter. Information from the Philadelphia headquarters will be relayed down to the local meetings through these representatives. Treasurers of local meetings can obtain stamps, certificates, etc., from James A. Coney. Money for C. P.S. work should go to the Yearly Meeting treasurer through the local treasurers. There are 13 boys in New England on the list of C. O.'s. Their bills must be met. All meetings should get under the burden. The "penny-per-meal" method was recommended. Instances of heroic endeavor on the part of some of these camp boys were mentioned.

Elizabeth J. Trout told of a recent visit to the camp at Royalston, Mass. Some of the boys there have given helpful service in cases of need in their vicinity. She encourages visitation of the camps.

Harold N. Tollefson reports conference with C. O.'s to whom he has explained the significance of the C. P.S. camps. He says, "The C. P. S. camps are not side doors out of trouble, but front doors into helpful service."

Lyra T. Wolkins has clarified difficulties and answered questions regarding the United Budget.

Harold N. Tollefson has urged Friends not to forget the necessity of maintaining the work of our Christian education in the Bible Schools, and the Junior Yearly Meeting.

We note the helpful presence of the following:-
James A. Coney, Gen. Supt. of the Yearly Meeting,
Lyra T. Wolkins of Salem Quarterly Meeting,
Genelle Day, a minister of Western Yearly Meeting,
Alvano C. Goddard, of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting,
Harold N. Tollefson and Gladys Tollefson, Norman E.
Trafton, Joseph and Lucy Richardson.

At the close of the meeting, the general epistle " to Friends everywhere" has been read. This message has gone forth to Friends both far and near, in response to the many epistles received by our Yearly Meeting and read at its sessions this year.

We express our grateful appreciation to Portsmouth Friends for their generous hospitality and abundant provision for our comfort throughout the day.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, we adjourn, purposing to meet next in the 11th month, at South Somerset, Mass., the Lord willing.

Josephine H. Carr,
(Clerk for the day)

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month, 7th, 1942:--

In the absence of a clerk or assistant clerk, Josephine H. Carr was appointed clerk for the day, and Cornelia P. Lockwood, asst. clerk.

Minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

From accounts received from the various Monthly Meetings, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:--

PROVIDENCE,- Josephine H. Carr
William W. Estes
Elizabeth Estes
xEmily S. White
xArchie G. Renfrew, Jr.

Three are present and excuses have been given for two.

SWANSEA,- Mary A. Harvey
xNathan Chase
Florence Slade
Hanna M. Davis
Gertrude Mantius
Estelle Strange
Daniel P. Shove
Cornelia P. Lockwood

All are present except one.

RHODE ISLAND, - Isabell Truax
Dorothy E. Millham
John F. Chase, Jr. x
Charlotte Deware x

Of whom two are present.

No report was presented by the Nominating Committee and the same committee is continued.

L. Deon Jackson presents the following report from the Evangelistic Committee and this report has been approved.

> The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Somerset, Eleventh Month, 7th, 1942. In the absence of our chairman, Elizabeth J. Trout, Josephine H. Carr, vice-chairman, presided.
> After prayer, the record of the last meeting was approved as was the report of the treasurer, showing a balance of $31.00. The offering for the day was $11.54, making a total of $42.54 in the treasury.
> The secretary was requested to write to Elizabeth Trout, expressing our sympathy in her illness and our willingness as a committee to aid in any way possible in the services at Portsmouth during her illness.
> The committee regrets the necessity of cancelling the annual fall conference.
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> For the committee,
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> L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

Daniel P. Shove reports that the Yearly Meeting quota has been paid in full. His report has been approved by the meeting and follows: --

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

11-month. 1. 1941. Bal. Cash on hand.	$44.79
Received from R. I. Monthly Meeting	111.60
" " Providence " "	115.60
" " Swansea " "	133.20
Total.	$404.79

Disbursments.

Paid George G. Wolkins. Treas. N. Y. Meeting.	$360.00
11-month. 1. 1942. Bal. Cash on hand.	$ 44.79

Respectfully submitted.

Daniel P.Shove, Treasurer.

Somerset, Mass. 11-Month 1st. 1942.

Approved, Nov. 7, 1942.
H. J. Harvey .

Willis H.White reminds us of the close connection between spiritual and financial conditions.

He reports the unkempt condition of the East Greenwich property. There is no immediate prospect of sale. He recommends that the property be taken over by Providence Friends and administered by them. The four remaining members approve of this being done.

L. Deon Jackson suggests that this meeting go on record as approving of this suggestion. The meeting approves and empowers the Committee to so act.

Willis H. White also calls attention to the need of better care of burial-grounds on our meeting-house properties.

The Queries have been read.

James A. Coney, basing his remarks upon Query 2, has brought us the thought that "Christians are people who care." "Christians should hold each other together. How can divorces take place?" Yet separations have occurred among Friends. Do we make earnest efforts to end our differences of nearly 100 yrs'. standing? Westerly Yearly Meeting in its recent assembly, had representatives of five different groups of Friends, all agreeing upon the need of living together as one family. A Continuation Committee was set up to start measures looking towards union. It is their hope that our various groups of Friends will be united as one Christian family, becoming Quarterly Meetings of our one Yearly Meeting. This gesture made by the oldest Yearly Meeting in the world will be felt throughout the country. The suffering of the world tends to weld together varying minds and classes, binding all together in a deeper love.

We appreciate the presence today of our Yearly Meeting General Supt. James A. Coney, Norman E. Trafton of Newport and Morgan Kinney who ministers to this meeting.

The meeting expressed its gratitude to the Swansea Friends for their kindness and hospitality during the day.

The clerk is instructed to write a letter of sympathy and Christian fellowship to our Friend, Annie R. Chace, of this meeting.

The business being accomplished, we adjourn, purposing to meet next in Providence, R. I. in the fifth month, the Lord willing.

Josephine H. Carr,
Clerk for the day.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence, R. I., Fifth Month, 1st,1943:

The minutes of the meeting held in Somerset, Eleventh Month, 7th, 1942, have been read and approved.

The offering for the Evangelistic Committee having been omitted in the morning meeting was taken at this time.

Our treasurer, Daniel P. Shove reports the last payment of the quota has been met.

The several Monthly Meetings report the following names of representatives to attend this meeting:

PROVIDENCE:--

Jessie Taber
Emily S. White
×John Bonzy
Edward A. White
Elizabeth C. Snow
Ernest A. Snow

Of these all were present except one.

SWANSEA: --

Bertha L. Hathaway
Florence Slade
Cornelia P. Lockwood
×Susannah H. Lawton
×Ethel G. Hathaway
Daniel P. Shove
Dorothy Williamson
×Mary A. Harvey

Of these all were present except three.

RHODE ISLAND:--

Harriet E. Angle
L. Deon Jackson
Marguerite D. Briggs
Ethel M. Perry

All of these were present.

Willis H. White, Cornelia P. Lockwood and Marguerite D. Briggs have been named as a committee from this meeting to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as representatives to the Yearly Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month, 23d, 1943. This committee is also to bring forward the names of two members to serve on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and one member for a term of two years, to serve on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Statistical reports of the monthly meetings were read which show a total membership of 426 at the close of 1942, a net loss of 45 as compared with the previous year.

Reports of the spiritual condition of our meetings were read and the clerk was directed to write a summary of these reports and to forward it with the statistical report to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee appointed at this meeting has submitted its report which is approved. The following Friends are named as representatives to Yearly Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month, 23d, 1943.

Louisa White
L. Ralston Thomas
Willis H. White
Josephine H. Carr
Helen T. Gifford
Harold W. Myers x
Elizabeth J. Trout
Charlotte Deware x
Daniel P. Shove x
Msry Harvey x

Philip C. Gifford and L. Ralston Thomas are named to serve on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and Josephine H. Carr on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for two years.

The report of the Nominating Committee follows:--

The Nominating Committee presents the following persons to serve as officers for the coming year.

Clerk	Amy S. Hayden
Assistant Clerk	Josephine H. Carr
Bible School Supt.	Dorothy Williamson
Treasurer	Daniel P. Shove
Missionary Supt.	Mildred Wood

Evangelistic Committee
  Josephine H. Carr, Clerk
  Elizabeth J. Trout
  L. Deon Jackson, Secretary
  Marguerite D. Briggs
  Harriet E. Angle
  Emily S. White
  Bertha L. Hathaway
  E. Anna Tucker
  William W. Estes, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Trout

Cornelia P. Lockwood.

The above names of Friends as recommended by the Nominating Committee are appointed to their respective offices for the ensuing year.

A letter has been received from Laura Jones on the formulation of a Christian Home Life department in our religious education program. It is approved that the Superintendent of Bible Schools fill this office.

A minute from the Westerly Friends in session in Providence today has been received:

> "Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in session at Providence send cordial greetings to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.
> We have felt with gratefulness the value of our fellowship together and have sensed through

individual diversities our oneness in Christ.

Sent by the hand of Henry C. Foster

Julianna R. Perry, Clerk. "

James Coney, Yearly Meeting General Supt. has been requested to convey our greetings to the Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and Helen T. Gifford has been appointed to accompany him.

The Queries have been read.

Arthur Santmier of Lynn, Chairman of the Yearly Meeting Public Morals Committee has brought to us a report from the Five Years Meeting. His report follows:

> The Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals recommends that a Committee of not less than three members be appointed by each Quarterly Meeting; that this committee, through its chairman, keep in touch with the Yearly Meeting Committee and also with the local meetings of the quarter. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed in each local meeting and that these committees function as follows:--
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> 1. To seek, verify and dispense information on questions affecting public morals.
> 2. To inaugurate, supervise and carry on activities within its zone of influence.
> 3. To foster and encourage inter-church and community efforts and unite them as much as possible.
> 4. To report all activities within the area through quarterly meeting committees to the Yearly Meeting Committee.
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> We urge that such committees be set up as quickly as possible to cope with the growing evils of alcohol, narcotics, gambling, juvenile delinquency, broken homes, and immorality -- and that the names of these committee members be sent to the chairman of the Yearly Meeting Committee.
> This request has come down from the Five Years Meeting Board of Public Morals.
>
> Arthur Santmier

William Estes, Mary A. Harvey and L. Deon Jackson have been named as a committee from this meeting to bring the recommendations to their respective meetings.
Norman E. Trafton corroborated the suggestions given and gives facts regarding the moral issues in our communities, among men in service. He suggests that our Sunday School and teen age young people be instructed in these facts.
Alice Hartnett spoke also on alcohol education for children and Dorothy Williamson on the effects of drinking as she has observed it in a hospital.

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The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and approved. It is as follows:

> "Your Evangelistic Committee met at Providence for business and conference after lunch today. Following a period of devotion, the record of the last meeting was approved. The addition of a special offering has increased the balance in the treasury to $52.59.
> Our Yearly Meeting Supt.,James Coney, met with us today. In response to his suggestion your committee appropriated fifty dollars ($50.00) for evangelistic work.
> A letter from Laura E. Jones, announcing the establishment of the Christian Home Life department in the Religious Education program of the Yearly Meeting was read and referred to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting for action in the afternoon business meeting. "

For the committee,

L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

Dorothy Williamson, Bible School Supt. as a part of her report called on the superintendents of the local schools to give an outstanding program in their schools. The written report has been presented and is approved. It follows: --

> "All Bible Schools are holding meetings as usual and find spiritual aid in conducting classes, even with a lowered attendance in some cases due to gasoline rationing. An average attendance for all schools is 133. Money seems to be more abundant for C. P. S., American Friends Service Committee, and Friends missions which is indeed fortunate.
> Saylesville states a small but earnest group trying for consecutive yearly attendance.
> Newport reports an average attendance of 65 due largely to the efforts of the children themselves. A goodly portion of their Bible School money is used for various missions, the classes themselves deciding upon which mission field.
> Swansea has an average attendance of 35. They feel a great blessing from the silent moment in the devotional period. The boys and girls of intermediate age have a great concern for the starving children of Europe and send money they bring especially for this cause. They have led the church to feel this concern also.
> Providence with an enrollment of 8 has given $100 to various charities. "

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Williamson.

We have enjoyed the fellowship in our morning worship service of the Friends of the R. I. and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

We appreciate the presence and acceptable ministry with us today of Arthur Santmier of Lynn, Norman E. Trafton, Everett and Marie Chapman of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Mrs. Burleson, Wetherell and Ellen Hutton of Ohio Yearly Meeting and James Coney, Yearly Meeting General Supt.

We have enjoyed meeting together in Christian fellowship and appreciate the hospitality extended to us by Providence Monthly Meeting.

Announcement was made by James Coney that the Friends World Committee will be meeting at Ocean Park just preceding Yearly Meeting and they will provide a speaker for the public meeting 3d day evening.

Young Friends are planning their regular Yearly Meeting activities. The fee of $5.00 will continue the same as in previous years. Raymond Wood is appointed to solicit funds for Young Friends work at Yearly Meeting.

Having completed the business of this meeting, we now adjourn purposing to meet in Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month, 7th, 1943, the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month, 7th, 1943.

Cornelia P. Lockwood is appointed assistant clerk for the day.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives to this meeting as follows: --

PROVIDENCE: --
Mary W. H. Flagg
Elizabeth Snow
Helen T. Gifford
Willia H. White

All are in attendance.

SWANSEA: --
David Lockwood
Bertha L. Hathaway
xGrace Rostron
Susannah H. Lawton
Daniel P. Shove
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Laura B. Aydelott
Dorothy F. Williamson
Florence Slade

All were in attendance but one.

RHODE ISLAND :--
Bertha Yeaw
x Alice Morris
Dorothy Millham
xHarriet E. Angle

All were in attendance but two.

The minutes of the meeting held at Providence, R.I. Fifth Month, 7th, 1943, have been read and are approved with one addition.

Of our representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month, 23d, all attended except four. Reasonable excuses were given for two.

A copy of the recommendations of the Finance Committee as approved by the Yearly Meeting has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. The amount to be raised to cover Yearly Meeting expenses is $1350. On the basis of 18% the amount to be raised by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is $243. The clerk is directed to advise each Monthly Meeting of its share of the quota.

The annual missionary report has been read and is approved. It follows: --

> Missionary activities in our local meetings have been carried on for the most part in the Bible Schools and the Women's Missionary Societies. Saylesville had an address by a missionary from Turkey. Motion pictures have been shown and pictures and maps have been displayed in the Sunday School rooms. Children in Saylesville have made scrapbooks of Mexican pictures and facts with special emphasis on Friends work. They continue their interest in

leper work and Little Pete holds their offerings for this work.

A Junior Missionary Society has been formed in Swansea. They have used Mexico for their special project for the year and the young people give liberally to missions. The Swansea meeting has had two outside speakers on missions in addition to four missionary sermons.

Portsmouth Missionary Society brings missionary information to the men of the meeting through its evening meetings each month. Providence had a few supper meetings early in the year, before the fuel shortage, where the programs were of a missionary type. One of the young men showed slides and gave a talk on Mexican Work Camps where he had spent the summer. Dr. Kershner spoke on feeding the children of Europe at a meeting sponsored by Friends in connection with Rhode Island World Affairs Week.

Latin America was the subject for the year's study. The books most widely read were "Rim of the Caribbean" by Morgan; "On this Foundation", by Stanley Rycroft, "Pedro Opens the Gate" by Heinenger and the "Traded Twins" by Mc Lean. Providence reports the most extensive reading. The use of Friendly Flashes has increased and we are still urged to send for more copies and have them used extensively. Nine subscribers to the Friends Missionary Advocate are reported.

Newport has had several missionary speakers among them Miss Cordell from China and Miss Day from the Kentucky Mountains. They observe Missionary Day in the Sunday School each month. The women have made quilts which they have sent to missionaries or sold and used the money for missions. Newport, Portsmouth, and Swansea have given generous financial support to missions.

Gifts to the American Friends Service Committee and Civilian Public Service Camps have been reported on the missionary report form, although they are not strictly speaking a missionary project. Since this work is done principally through missionary groups, it is logical to make this report along with missionary work. Interest in these two branches of our Friends work has been great and donations have been generous. We expect next year a space on our report form will be designated for a definite report on work done for A. F. S. Committee and C. P.S. camps.

Members of our meetings are becoming more and more conscious of world needs in the light of Christ's teaching as our minds are turned to world affairs in these troublous times of war.

Respectfully submitted.

Amy S. Hayden
R. I. Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Missions.

The Evangelistic Committee had no meeting because of lack of attendance. The offering at the morning meeting was $7.80.

The clerk is directed to send to the clerk of the several Monthly Meetings a copy of the recommendations presented by Arthur Santmier at our last Quarterly Meeting. It is requested that the names of the committee appointed by the Monthly Meetings shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting who will forward them to Arthur Santmier.

The Queries have been read.

Everett Chapman has called our attention to the business procedure used in our Friends Groups. In some instances they are not using the Friendly method of approval and disapproval. He advises its adoption in all groups in Friends Meetings as much can be accomplished. The Friends method is general in this Quarterly Meeting. Helen Gifford wishes us to read the report of Junior Yearly Meeting where the children are being trained in Friends procedure. Louisa White recalls an interesting experience at All Friends Conference in London, in 1920, where the Friendly procedure brought unity out of disagreement.

Dorothy Williamson, Bible School Supt., announces that Bible School literature and material on Christian Home Life is on display in the meeting house. She calls attention to the fact that this material published by Friends presents the Friendly approach to various subjects, and urges its use in our local Sunday Schools. She asks that the Quarterly Meeting help financially in this department of Christian Home Life. It is approved that the Quarterly Meeting appropriate $10 and the treasurer is directed to pay this sum to Dorothy Williamson to be used in the department of Christian Home Life.

We record the presence and acceptable ministry of Everett and Marie Chapman and Sabia Jackson of Church and Missionary Alliance. We also note the presence with us of Edward and Elizabeth Smiley of Montclair, N. J.

We extend our grateful appreciation to the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for their hospitality and deeply appreciate this opportunity for Christian fellowship.

The question of the hour of business meeting has been brought before us. Our accustomed time of convening which is 2 P. M. is to be continued.

The absence of many of our Friends is noted with regret. This is due to necessary curtailment of transportation.

It is the mind of the meeting that Friends shall continue to provide their own lunches at the next meeting to be held in Swansea.

Having completed the business of the day, we adjourn

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purposing to meet at Swansea, Mass. Eleventh Month, 6th, 1943, the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset, Massachusetts, Eleventh Month 6, 1943.

Laura B. Aydelott is appointed assistant clerk for the day.

The minutes of our meeting held at Portsmouth, R. I., eighth Mo. 7th, 1943, were read and approved.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives to this meeting.

R. I.	Ethel M. Perry ✓	Bertha Yeaw ✓
	Emma Minkle ✓	Harriet Angle ✓
Prov.	Mabel I. Mc Manus ✓	Helen T. Gifford ✓
	William Alden Brown ✓	William W. Estes ✓
	Elizabeth S. Estes ✓	Elizabeth C. Snow ✓
Swansea	Daniel P.Shove ✓	
	Susannah H. Lawton ✓	Cornelia P. Lockwood ✓
	Mary A. Harvey ✓	Florence Slade ✓
	Randall S. Naden ✓	Henry J. Harvey ✓
	Grace Rostron	Margaret W. Naden ✓

All were in attendance but one.

A nominating committee consisting of Louisa White, Cornelia P. Lockwood, and John F. Chase were appointed to bring forward names before the close of this meeting.

Report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read. It follows:

The evangelistic committee of the R. I. Q. M. met at Somerset, Mass. eleventh month, sixth day, nineteen hundred and forty-three. Following a period of silent prayer, the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The offering of the day amounted to $15.04 making a balance on hand of $42.50.

We regret the absence of the following of our members, Elizabeth J.Trout, Josephine H. Carr, L. C. Deon Jackson, Anna Tucker, and Marguerite D. Briggs. Harriet E. Angle returned money given for book which was supplied by a gift. James A. Coney suggested that we have a report of the condition of Saylesville Meeting. Elizabeth Snow reports that meetings are carried on regularly with the members bearing the responsibility of the worship service. The committee is grateful for the interest shown and feels a deep concern for the growth and development of meetings without a pastor. The committee approves of Norman E. Trafton giving the Saylesville meeting a service on Sabbath Day morning, November 14.

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Henry Harvey reports that the Swansea meeting has a visiting pastor from the Providence Bible Institute each Sabbath day. The attendance at the meeting for worship is small but the Sabbath School remains constant.
The committee appropriated $10.00 for the missionary travel fund. Business being concluded, we adjourn to meet at Providence, 5th month, the Lord so willing.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman E. Trafton
Sec. for the day.

Report of the Treasurer has been read and is approved. It follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

11th Month-1st. 1942.	Cash bal. on hand	$44.79
1943.	Received from R. I. Providence and Swansea Monthly Meetings.	262 .62
	Total..	$307.41

Disbursements.

Paid	George G. Wolkins. Y. Meeting Treasurer.	$301.50
	Linley Binford-tentative revised discipline	1.50
		$303.00
11th Month, 1st. 11943.	Cash Bal. on hand	$ 4.41

Respt. Subt.

Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer

Somerset, Mass. 11-Month. 6-1943

Approved, Nov. 6, 1943
H. J. Harvey

The treasurer reports that the last half of 1943 and first half of 1944 quota have been paid.

Five copies of the tentative revised discipline have been received and distributed in the Quarterly Meeting. This meeting approves the Quarterly Meeting bearing the expense of $150.

The queries have been read.

The nominating committee has recommended the following names for officers for 1944.

Clerk Amy S. Hayden
Asst. Clerk Laura B. Aydelott
Treas. Daniel P. Shove
Bible School Supt. Dorothy F. Williamson
Missionary Supt. Mildred Wood
Evangelistic Committee

Elizabeth J. Trout	Bertha E. Hathaway
L. Deon Jackson	E. Anna Tucker
Marguerite D. Briggs	Wm. W. Estes
Harriet E. Angle	Mary A. Harvey
Emily S. White	Josephine H. Carr

A copy of the recommendations of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals has been sent to the clerk of each Monthly Meeting. As requested in these recommendations the Monthly Meetings report the appointment of committees on Public Morals. R. I. Monthly Meeting has appointed Alice T. Hartnett, L. Deon Jackson, and Susan R. Trout.
Swansea--Dorothy F. Williamson and Ethel G. Hathaway.
Providence-- Mildred Wood

James Coney representing Arthur Santmier presents the recommendation that this Q. M. appropriate five or ten dollars to aid in a poster contest. There was a poster display in a store window in Lynn during "Greater Lynn Temperance Week". It is suggested by Helen Gifford that since we have no Q. M. chairman of Public Morals that the chairman of each Monthly Meeting Com. ask her Monthly M. to finance the poster project. Alice Hartnett states that the subject of temperance was presented last 1st day in both Portsmouth and Newport and literature was distributed. Arrangements to show alcohol education films in the Bible School have been made.

A letter from the Swansea Mo. M. regarding the sale of the meeting house property in Fall River has been read. The letter follows:

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset, 11th Mo. 6th, 1943.

Dear Friends:

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs the Quarterly Meeting that the meeting house property on No. Main Street, Fall River, has been sold to the Young Men's Christian Association, Fall River, for seven thousand five hundred dollars cash. The purchase price has been deposited in a Massachusetts Savings Bank in the name of Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends. It is incorporated in the deed that none of the principal is to be withdrawn from the bank without an affirmative vote at a meeting of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends. Certified copies of said vote to be furnished by the clerk of the meeting to the bank before any money can be withdrawn. The interest on this deposit to be paid to the Treasurer of Fall River Preparative

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Taken from the minutes of Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 27th, 1943.

Laura B. Aydelott,
Clerk.

Additional information was added by Laura B. Aydelott. "It is also incorporated in the deed that Fall River Preparative Meeting is to have free use of a room in the Y. M. C. A. to hold its meetings of worship as long as such meetings are held. The Friends Meeting House property is to be known as the Friends Memorial Field. Any young person connected with the Fall River Meeting to the age of 21, upon recommendation, is to have free membership in the Y. M. C. A."

Willis H. White reports that property at East Greenwich is in poor condition and in need of repair. There is no immediate opportunity of sale. The Nantucket Mo. M. of N. E. Yearly Meeting and others in the vicinity of East Greenwich are interested in its use but not prepared to purchase it. They would like the opportunity of opening the meeting house for worship occasionally and they are willing to do what they can to keep it in a tidy condition. Willis White would like to have it continue in the hands of Friends. Louisa White presents the immediate need of someone taking responsibility for the repair of the property. Willis White states that it is the wish of Greenwich Mo. M. to be incorporated with the Providence Mo. M. It is recommended that the Q. M. committee be dissolved and that the Prov. Mo. M. look into the matter with interest and this recommendation is approved.

James Coney after conference with Philip Jacob brings before us the need of financial support of the C. P. S. camps. Friends must still be interested in Civilian Public Service or the government will take over the administration of these camps as they are already taking charge of one. Many of the men have gone from C. P. S. camps into detached service. He reminds us that the plan of a penny a meal will meet this obligation.

We note with appreciation the presence in our meeting of James and Elsie Coney, Everett and Marie Chapman, Joseph and Lucy Richardson. Helpful messages were brought by these visiting friends in our meeting for worship. We regret the absence of Elizabeth Trout because of illness. The clerk is requested to write a note to Elizabeth Trout.

We sincerely appreciate the friendly hospitality extended to us today by Friends of the Swansea Mo. M.

The business coming before us having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet again in Prov. R. I. Fifth Mo.6,1944, if the Lord permit.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence, R. I. 5th Mo. 6, 1944.

The several Monthly Meetings report the following names of representatives to attend this meeting,-

Swansea-- Daniel P. Shove
A. Homer Skinner
Bertha L. Hathaway ✓
Dorothy F. Williamson ✓
Susannah H. Lawton ✓
Margaret A. Naden ✓
Mary A. Harvey ✓
Randall S. Naden ✓

Of these all are present but two.

Rhode Island, - L. Deon Jackson ✓
Ethel M. Perry ✓
Emma Minkler ✓
Elizabeth J. Trout ✓

All are present.

Providence, -

The minutes of the meeting held in Somerset, 11th Mo. 6th, 1943, have been read and are approved.

A letter from the Treasurer, Daniel P. Shove, states that the first half of our Quota for 1944 has been paid.

A minute brought by Thyra Foster and Philip C. Gifford from the new Providence Monthly Meeting has been read. The Monthly Meeting has been formed from the former Providence Monthly Meeting, the Nantucket Monthly Meeting and the Providence Friends Fellowship Monthly Meeting. The new meeting has already become a member of the R. I. Quarterly Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting. Recommendations of the Continuation Committee representing Friends in New England as they apply to this particular situation have been read.

James Coney spoke on the necessity of dual membership in the transition period. The thought of a new organization and of coming together rather than one joining the other was emphasized. Appreciation of the coming together of Providence Friends into one Monthly Meeting has been expressed and the requests of the minute are sincerely endorsed.

Elizabeth J. Trout, Charles H. White and Dorothy F. Williamson have been named as a committee from this meeting to bring forward names of Friends to serve as representatives to the Yearly Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, 6th Mo. and also the names of two members to serve on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, and one member for a term of two years on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Statistical reports of the Monthly Meetings have been read and are approved. They will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting.

Reports on the state of the Society have been read and a summary is to be prepared by the clerk and forwarded to Yearly Meeting.

A letter from Mary E. Jones concerning young Friends at Yearly Meeting has been read. The same rates are to prevail in spite of rising costs, therefore contributions will be especially appreciated. Raymond Wood is appointed to solicit funds from Friends in this Quarterly Meeting.

The Evangelistic Committee gives the following report. --

The Evangelistic Committee of R. I. Q. M. met at Providence 5th Mo. 6th, 1944. Following prayer for Divine leading by Elizabeth J. Trout, Bertha L. Hathaway was appointed chairman of the committee. The treasurer reported a balance of $34.11. Offering for the day-- $12.40. Total-- $46.51.

William Estes requested that he be released from the office of treasurer. The request was granted and appreciation was expressed for his very faithful service. Mary A. Harvey was appointed treasurer.

$10.00 was given to the Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting, James A. Coney, who met with us today, to help with the expenses of travel for George Cates, who is representing Civilian Public Service in New England.

$10.00 was given to John A. Westin who is supplying as pastor at Somerset Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Deon Jackson, Sec'y.

The Queries have been read.

The Chairman of Public Morals Committee of R. I. Monthly Meeting gave a report and explained the poster project. The clerk is requested to write a letter of appreciation to the children sending in these posters. Eight posters were on display. They will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting to be displayed with others.

It is the sense of the meeting that Dorothy F. Williamson continue as superintendent of the Dept. of Christian Home Life.

The Nominating Committee present the following report and it is approved.--

Clerk-- Amy S. Hayden
Assistant Clerk-- Laura B. Aydelott
Treasurer-- Daniel P. Shove
Bible School Supt. --Dorothy F. Williamson
Missionary Supt. -- Mildred Wood

Evangelistic Committee: Elizabeth J. Trout, L. Deon Jackson, Marguerite D. Briggs, Harriet E. Angle, Emily S. White, Bertha L. Hathaway, E. Anna Tucker, William W. Estes, Mary A. Harvey, Josephine H. Carr.

The Bible School report was read by Dorothy Williamson and follows:

To the R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends-- Report of the Q. M. Bible Supt.

It appears that we have an enrollment of 205 members with an average attendance of 142. Of these Friends are indeed in the minority. The total contributions as much as has been able to ascertain has been $1,315.22. Of this amount, $654.75 has been sent to Missions. Newport has a definite project which is a boys club, called the Christian Service Brigade. Saylesville speaks of opening with an attendance of 11 children on February 20, and at Easter having an attendance of 51. Their goal was 50. Somerset has been using Friends Lesson in more classes than formerly and is finding it helpful. The new Bible School started this year in Providence has 26 members. They have a Y. Friends group which meets every 3rd first day, for supper and study, using Friends material in most classes.

Dorothy F. Williamson,
Q. M. Supt.

Norman Trafton adds that a children's crusade for one week preceding Easter was observed in Newport with 14 churches participating. The program was both beautiful and instructive.

James Coney introduced George Cates who has spent some time in C. P.S. camps and is now on leave under the direction of A. F. S. C. to bring before Friends information on C. P.S. He has been released by the National Service Board for this service. Its activities are varied including fire fighting, work in mental and feeble-minded institutions, completing work started by Coast and Geodetic Survey, relief and reconstruction training, health programs such as hookworm, serving for specimens for experimental work in hospitals, dairy experiments. Specific experiments with feeble-minded boys were related. Words of appreciation are expressed for this message.

We note with appreciation the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of James Coney, George F. Cates of East Vassalboro, Wesley R. Garlock, John A. Westin, Mabel Thayer and Grave Mc Namara of Woonsocket.

We extend thanks to Providence Friends for their friendly hospitality so much in evidence today.

Having completed the business before us at this meeting, we adjourn purposing to meet at Portsmouth, R. I. 8th Mo. 5th, 1944, the Lord permitting.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I. 8th Mo. 6, 1944. Alice Hartnett was appointed assistant clerk for the day. The several Monthly Meetings report the following names of representatives to this meeting.

Providence-- Mary H. W. Flagg ✓
Ann Flagg ✓
Elizabeth Foster ✓
H. Seymour Wiley
Mabel I. Mc Manus
Edward A. White ✓

All were present but two.

R. I: Harriet E. Angle ✓
Alice R. Jackson ✓
Susan R. Trout ✓
Charlotte Dewan ✓

All were present.

Swansea: Susannah H. Lawton
Dorothy F. Williamson ✓
Margaret W. Naden
Bertha L. Hathaway ✓
Randall S. Naden
Daniel P. Shove ✓
Florence Slade
Laura B. Aydelott
Ruth Lockwood

Three were present.

The minutes of the meeting held at Providence 5th Mo. 6, 1944 were read and approved.

All of the representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Me. attended except one, for whom a reasonable excuse was given.

The recording clerk of the Yearly Meeting has forwarded the recommendations of the Finance Committee for 1944-45 as approved by the Yearly Meeting. On the basis of 18%, R. I. Quarterly Meeting's quota is $288 apportioned among the Monthly Meetings as follows:--

R. I. $80.64 Swansea $109.44

Prov. $97.92

The recommendation of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, that not less than $500 be raised for the missionary travel fund , is approved by this meeting and that our quota of $90 be apportioned among our Monthly Meetings.
The clerk is directed to forward such information to the clerks of the Monthly Meetings.

Philip Gifford and Harold Tollefson spoke on the meed of this fund to return missionaries whose furloughs are long overdue and to send out new workers. Alvano Goddard paid tribute to Alice W. Jones, still a beloved worker in Palestine.

A report was given by Dorothy Williamson of the interest of the Bible School children in the Summer Christmas tree decorated at Yearly Meeting with envelopes and bright little packages containing money for the children of our missionaries. Swansea sent $15.

The queries have been read and considered.

Alvano Goddard brings the thought that our love and unity with one another and our concern for the world is touched by the contact with God.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read and it follows: --

The Evangelistic Committee of R. I. Q. M. met at Portsmouth, R. I. 8th Mo. 5th, 1944. After a period of silence, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The offering of the day is $12.39. Balance on hand $26.51. Total: $38.90. The sum of $10.00 is to be given to John Westin, acting pastor of Swansea Friends Meeting. The sum of $10.00 to be given to James Coney for travel fund for bringing home missionaries from foreign fields. Somerset reports a successful Daily Vacation Bible School with enrolment of 60 or 70 children. An exhibition was held at the close of the school which showed careful teaching and a splendid application on the part of the pupils. $20.00 was raised for missions. We feel as if a great good has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted:

Bertha Hathaway, Clerk.

A very successful Daily Vacation Bible School was also conducted in Saylesville with an enrollment of 109.

The offering today was $12.39.

We are urged by Helen Gifford to read our Yearly Meeting Minutes and an account of Yearly Meeting written by James Wilde for the American Friend.

The treasurer, Daniel P.Shove, reports $49.23 in the treasury.

The report of the Missionary Superintendent follows:

Quarterly Meeting Missionary Report
for year ending March 31, 1944.

Our missionary activities have gone on regardless of the fact that due to a slight mixup, I did not realize I was quarterly meeting superintendent until just before our last meeting. Swansea meeting has had no missionary society, but has effectively used missionary material in Bible School and in displays/ Has had an outside speaker and several sermons by the pastor/ The Swansea Junior Missionary Society have not had any study or project except in Sabbath School. They contributed to Indian Missions and Yearly Meeting, Junior Christmas tree. They also report four subscribers to the American Friend.

Newport Friends Missionary Society observe Missionary Day once a month in the beginning or closing of Sunday School, and in

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the evening once a month which is attended by men and women.

Portsmouth Friends Missionary Committee has functioned. A meeting of the Women's Missionary Society is held once a month with a program in the evening. This is well attended by the men. All organizations of the meeting contribute very generously to various missionary interests.

Providence Friends Missionary report was a very full one and a joy to read of their activities. Missionary items are used in connection with youth bible class lessons. Young Friends group are very much interested in racial groups in Providence and in working toward a better understanding One person attended International Institute in Wellesley and brought a good account of it to them. Douglas Steere spoke to Providence Friends at a public meeting on Reconstruction in Europe. Goodwill slides from South American were shown at two supper meetings. Material from our Friends Education Advance for all ages-- used in conjunction with regular bible classes for Christian Education month. Friends study material used exclusively.
Providence has twenty-five subscribers to Friendly Flashes, five to Missionary Advocate, and ten to the American Friend, which appears to be the record for our monthly meetings.
The missionary society held one of its regular meetings at the John Hope Centre, a community center especially for negroes. Young people from Fellowship Group had already been interested in its activities and aided in building equipment, etc. A group of girls from Lincoln School under the direction of Elizabeth Hilles are volunteer workers every Friday, teaching classes in sewing and construction and supervising play.
A carton of presents was sent to the American Friends Service Committee for children in the Japanese relocation center.
Seven scrap books were made by two of the women and presented to the children's department of the R. I. Hospital.
Sewing for Service Committee has gone forward throughout the yearas last year. Also repairing second hand clothes and shipping to Philadelphia. Making new quilts and other garments.

Saylesville: No report. The Elizabeth Fry Circle is being reorganized and we hope they will be able to make a report next year.

All but one of the monthly meetings are growing in Christian World Mindedness and all give generously of time and money.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred S. Wood

Willis White reports that within the next quarter, final arrangements for the selling of East Greenwich property will probably be completed.

We note the helpful presence with us today of Alvano Goddard, Harold and Gladys Tollefson and Robert Hazelton.

We record our sincere appreciation for the friendly care which has been given by Friends of R. I. Monthly Meeting today.

The business of this meeting having been concluded, we do now adjourn purposing to meet in Swansea 11th Mo.4, 1944, the Lord willing.

Amy Hayden, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th Mo.4, 1944.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:-

Providence -- William W. Estes, ✓
Taber Jenkins
Helen T. Gifford ✓
Willis H. White ✓
Elizabeth Foster ✓
Mildred S. Wood

Four of whom are present.

Swansea -- Susannah H. Lawton ✓
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Laura B. Aydelott ✓
Bertha L. Hathaway
Daniel P. Shove ✓
Randall S. Naden
Margaret W. Naden
Ethel J. Frye ✓

Four of whom are present.

Rhode Island -- Ethel Perry ✓
Harriet E. Angle
Marguerite D. Briggs ✓
L. Deon Jackson ✓

Three of whom are present.

The minutes of the meeting held at Portsmouth 8th Mo. 6, 1944, have been read and are approved.

A nominating committee to bring fofward names of Friends to serve the Quarterly Meeting as officers and committees in 1945 are appointed. They are Philip C. Gifford, Chairman, L. Deon Jackson, Laura B. Aydelott, Cornelia P. Lockwood, Marguerite D. Briggs, and Elizabeth Foster.
This committee is to bring forward names of Friends to serve as representatives to the next Yearly Meeting, also two members on the Yearly Meeting finance committee, and one member for two years on the nominating committee.

The treasurer's report was read and approved, and will be recorded when audited.

The Queries have been read and considered.

The report of the Evangelistic Commitee has been read and approved.

The Evangelistic Committee of R. I. Q. M. met at Somerset 11th Mo.4, 1944. There was a period of devotion, closed with vocal prayer by Elizabeth J. Trout. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were approved, the latter report showing a balance of $18.91, which was increased by the offering for the day, $10.09 to the sum of $29.00. $5.00 was appropriated for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the children of Caney Creek School in Kentucky, the gifts to be purchased and sent by Providence Friends. $10.00 was appropriated for CPS. It was brought out that an effort is being made to exclude gospel programs from radio broadcasting. The sum of $5.00 is to be sent for the Y. P. Church of the air broadcast.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Deon Jackson, Sec'y.

Notice is given of a radio program sponsored by R. I. Council of Churches to be given each 7th day for 15 weeks. Some of these broadcasts are in the form of round tables and are especially for young people.

Willis White reports that there is no definite report on the East Greenwich property.

Notice is given of a meeting in Providence, Nov. 9 where those interested in opposing Peace Time Conscription will get definite information on proposed legislation. The meeting is sponsored by the American Friends Service Commitee, and will be addressed by Bishop William Appleton Lawrence. Philip C. Gifford and Elizabeth J. Trout spoke on the interest church people should take in the defeat of this proposed legislation and felt that this meeting will help them more intelligently to oppose peace-time conscription. Postponement of the bill until peace time will help defeat it.

A request is made by Dorothy Williamson, as supt. of Christian Home Life for the names of the Monthly Meeting chairmen of that department.

The Missionary Travel Fund quota is being raised and Providence has already forwarded its apportionment to the Yearly Meeting treasurer.

We note with appreciation the acceptable presence and ministry with us in the morning meeting of Alvano Goddard and John A. Westin.

We record our appreciation of the kindly hospitality extended to us today by Friends of the Swansea Monthly Meeting.

The business coming before us today having been concluded, we do now adjourn, purposing to meet at Providence, Rhode Island, 5th Mo. 5, 1945, if the Lord permits.

Amy Hayden, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for N. E. held at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 5, 1945.

Helen Gifford is appointed assistant clerk for the day.

The minutes of the meeting held in So. Swansea, Mass. in Eleventh Month 4, 1944, were read and approved. Representatives appointed by the Monthly Meetings to attend this meeting are:--

From Providence, --Anna Foster ✓
Elizabeth Monroe
William Foster
Helen T. Gifford ✓
Willis H. White ✓
Mildred Wood ✓
Edward A. White

Five are present. A reasonable excuse was given for one.

From Swansea:
Bertha L. Hathaway ✓
Dorothy F. Williamson ✓
Mary A. Harvey ✓
Susannah H. Lawton
Daniel P. Shove ✓
Grace Rostron ✓
Ethel J. Frye ✓
Randall S. Naden ✓
Margaret W. Naden ✓

Eight are present.

From R. I. -
Elizabeth J. Trout ✓
Dorothy Millham ✓
Marguerite D. Briggs ✓
L Deon Jackson ✓

Five are present.

The treasurer reports that Swansea and Providence quotas are paid. There is $42.29 on hand. The audited treasurer's report follows:--

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

November 3-1943	Cash Bal. on hand	$43.29
April 20--1944	Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	36.45
" " "	Swansea " "	46.17
April 23 "	Providence " "	38.88
October 23 "	Rhode Island " "	40.32
October 30 "	Swansea "	54.72
December 5 "	Ernest C. Ainsworth, for Providence M. Meeting	48.96
	Providence Monthly " for Cards	2.00
	Total...	$310.79

Disbursements

April 29	Paid Ernest C. Ainsworth Treas.	$ 121.50
October 30, "	" " " "	144.00
December 5, "	Friends Printing Co. Cards	3.00
	Total.	$268.50

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November 3, 19 Bal. Cash on hand 42.29

Respectfully submitted,

May 4-1945 Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer,

Approved, May 4, 1945
Henry J. Harvey

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The report of the Nominating Commitee was read and the following people are approved for the respective offices and committees:--

Clerk, Amy S. Hayden
Asst. Clerk, Laura B. Aydelott
Treas. Daniel P. Shove
Bible School Supt. Dorothy F. Williamson
Missionary Supt. Mildred S. Wood
Supt. of Christian Home Life, Dorothy F. Williamson
Evangelistic Committee:
Elizabeth J. Trout, L. Deon Jackson, Marguerite D. Briggs, Harriet E. Angle, Bertha L. Hathaway, E. Anna Tucker, Mary A. Harvey, Susan Trout, Willis H. White, Louisa White.

The following Friends are named as representatives to attend Yearly Meeting at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts in Sixth Mo: --
Louisa White, Amy S. Hayden, L. Ralston Thomas, Philip C. Gifford, Elizabeth Foster, Helen T. Gifford, Willis White, Millicent S. Foster, Dorothy Millham. Louisa White is appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for one year and Amy S. Hayden for two years. L. Ralston Thomas is appointed to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee for one year and Philip C. Gifford for two years.

The reports of the spiritual condition of the meetings have been read and the clerk is directed to make the usual summary to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting together with other reports requested by the Yearly Meeting Clerk.

The statistical reports of the Monthly Meetings have been read and show a membership in the Quarterly Meeting of 430, a net gain of 26 over last year. Forty-one of the 44 increase in Providence was due to uniting the Prov. Monthly Meeting, the Prov. Fellowship Monthly Meeting, and the Nantucket Monthly Meeting of the Narragansett Quarterly Meeting. R. I. Monthly Meeting reports a membership of 97, Providence 173, Swansea 150, Greenwich, 7.

A favorable decision by the Office of Defense Transportation is expected soon on whether we will be allowed to hold our Yearly Meeting as scheduled. Because of certain restrictions on conventions in wartime, a special request has been filed with the ODT. James Conwy announced some of the plans for Yearly Meeting and the names of speakers expected to be on the planned program. They included

W. O. Mendenhall, Rufus Jones, Seal Thompson, Henry Smith Leiper of the World Council of Churches, Horace Alexander of England.

A communication from Mary Jones, Sec. of Young Friends, was read, requesting financial help for young people attending Yearly Meeting. Raymond Wood is appointed to accept contributions from Monthly Meetings and from individuals for this purpose.

We record the passing of two faithful and devoted Friends in our Quarterly Meeting, William W. Estes, and Emily S. White, both of the Providence Meeting. A minute in memory of William W. Estes adopted by the Providence Monthly Meeting has been forwarded to us and we unite in making this a part of our record.

" With profound sorrow, we record the death of our beloved friend, William W. Estes. During the many years that he has been among us as a member of our meeting, he has been unfailingly kindly, courteous, and sympathetic. Always ready to allign himself with every good cause, he was steadfast, and unfaltering in his devotion to his ideals. He was an inspiration to the meeting and his presence was a source of strength to all its members.

The place of William Estes cannot be filled by any other, but in spirit and in memory, he will live always in the hearts of those who knew him. "

A tribute to Emily S. White prepared by the Prov. Monthly Meeting has been received by us and we adopt it as our memorial.

"For the second time in recent weeks, the Meeting has been saddened by the loss of one of its most beloved members. Emily Sisson White, who died Third Month 1945 in her 90th year, has long been one of the most loyal and conscientious members of our Society. For a considerable time when Providence Meeting had become very few in numbers, she, together with her husband and children, had no small part inmaintaining the life of the little group.

In our meetings for worship and also in social and missionary meetings, we have come to expect friendliness and encouragement and unfailing cheerfulness from Emily White and we have not been disappointed. As wife and mother and friend, she has been an inspiration. Her influence both directly and through her closest associates has for many years been profound. Her fine spirit lives on in the lives of those who knew her and who loved her best. "

Reports of the Evangelistic Committee has been presented and approved.

Report of the Evangelistic Committee -- 5-5-45

The meeting of the Evangelistic Committee was held after lunch. The meeting was opened with prayer by our Y. M. Evangelistic Superintendent, James A. Coney, whom we welcome at our session today.
The offering today for the work of our committee was $8.17. The total amount on hand is $17.17.
We feel keenly the loss of two of the members of our committee who have "gone on before". --Emily S. White and William W. Estes. They were wise in their counsel and faithful in their attendance at our meetings. There were expressions of sympathy for the bereaved families.
The sum of $10.00 was appropriated for gospel service within the limits of the Quarterly Meeting.
Elizabeth J. Trout closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Deon Jackson,
Secretary.

The Queries have been read and considered. We have been impressed with the necessity for individual faithfulness in doing something about our concerns and doing it in love.

A concern regarding the harmfulness of the liquor traffic and race track gambling has been voiced by several members and agreed to by the meeting. Although it is recognized that the race track is a large source of revenue to the state, it is considered an evil influence and a detriment to the moral and economic welfare of the people. Therefore it should continue to be banned for the duration of the war and proper legislation enancted to make it illegal after that time. The clerk is instructed to write a letter to the Governor of R. I. and to the Gov. of Mass. protesting the reopening of the race tracks in these states. The clerk is to inform the Monthly Meetings of this action and encourage them to take similar action.

Report on Bible Schools was presented by Dorothy F. Williamson and follows:

"The Bible Schbols in the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting seem to be on the whole quite active and maintain a concerned interest in Missions.

Saylesville reports a small growth and a sincere interest in the Lepers and Indian Missions. An enrollment of 31 is recorded.

Swansea has an active Junior and Intermediate group after taking part in the morning worship service and has an enrollment of 35.

Portsmouth reports a total of $249.00 to Missions with an enrollment of 63.00 and $55.00 to CPS work.

Providence reports an active high school age and a deepening desire to be more deserving, and contributions to special projects at Christmas. Their enrollment is 20.

With no report from Newport, we have an enrollment of 149. Most report some use of Friends material in the schools, which seems to me a very good step in the right direction.

Dorothy F. Williamson,
Q.M. Supt.

A letter from the Secretary of the Continuation Committee has been read. We record the following minute in recognition of the approaching union of all Friends in New England.:--

We recognize at this time the significant event of the consolidation and reunion of all Frien ds in New England. After several years of study and effort to bring about such a reunion, groups of Friends in New England are coming together as one Yearly Meeting under the name "New England Yearly Meeting of Friends " in June 1945. All Friends in N. E. will be members of the N. E. Yearly Meeting of Friends except those in Vermont who belong to the N. Y. Yearly Meeting.

The groups directly concerned are: New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, R. I. which will continue its work as a Quarterly Meeting in the united body; the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends which also becomes a Quarterly Meeting: the Providence Friends Fellowship Monthly Meeting which has already unitedw i th Providence Monthly Meeting; the Friends Meeting at Cambridge which has united with Boston Monthly Meeting, continuing the name "Friends Meeting at Cambridge," and our own Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England which is legally changing its name in the three states where it is incorporated. Most of our Yearly Meeting committees will continue their work as before, but committee members whose terms of office extend beyond this year are being asked to resign in order that appointments to be made may represent all of the component groups on an even footing.

We trust that this consolidation of Friends in N. E. will bring a unity not as a federation of bodies but as one body and that we may all learn to emphasize the vital truths in which we are agreed and minimize the minor matters in which we have differed. We trust that this unity will then make possible a more effective Friends work in N. E. than ever before.

We pray that God may dwell in us and His hand keep us in the way of Christian love and tolerance as we labor together for the coming of Christ's kingdom.

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Leslie Shaffer presented the work of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. This committee was established in 1937 as proposed by the Friends World Conference. The three main sections are the European, the American and the Far Eastern and African. We are becoming more aware of the meaning of One World. Friends are not afraid to take hold of the little handle of a big problem.

Groups of Friends around the world join us with other people around the globe. Through these groups of Friends, we get the meaning of World Communion. Friends in other countries have suffered greatly from the effects of war and all the people are war weary. Various factions trust these Friends and they are allowed to do work in prison camps and give other helpful service. It is planned for a deputation to visit these small groups after the war. It is hoped that by 1949 or 1950, we may have another World Conference .But before that time, a conference may be held in the Orient, one in Europe and one in America. Books have been prepared on Quakerism in Switzerland and Quakerism in Japan. Directory of all Friends Meeting is being revised. A travel fund is desired to make it possible to have visiting Friends from Europe and the Orient.

The missionary report was read and is as follows:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings Missionary Report.

First I want to thank each meeting for sending in their reports so promptly.

Newport Friends report their Woman's Missionary Society has functioned efficiently. Missionary subjects are presented at the closing exercises of Bible School once a month at which time an offering for missions is taken. They have a splendid evening meeting the third Wednesday of every month. It is well attended by men and women. They support two workers, one in Friends Missionary Station in Central America, under the Calfornia Yearly Meeting, and one among the Indians in the San Blast Islands.

Portsmouth Rhode Island Particular Meeting has functioned and reports that a missionary meeting is held once a month. Most of the people attend this meeting and a speaker or a book or articles on missions is listened to with interest.

Providence Monthly Meeting has a missionary committee appointed to serve if needed, from first month to twelvth month. This work was contributed to through the Missionary Society of the meeting. The Missionary Society of the Providence Monthly Meeting appointment goes from fifth month to fifth month, making it difficult to settle on a report. However, missionary study and material was presented in Bible School throughout the year. Collections are not taken.

The Missionary Society has used three of the Friends Study books. The Friend, the American Friend, The Friends Intelligencer are subscribed to by Monthly Meeting.

The Literature and Library Committees provide an abundance of pamphlets and publications for the Literature table. Readers of current books report on these to the meeting from time to time. There are nineteen paid-up members.

All three meetings contribute generously to their missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred S. Wood.

We record the helpful presence and ministry of James Coney and Leslie Shaffer at our morning and afternoon meetings.

We express appreciation of the cordial hospitality of Providence Friends extended to us today.

The business coming before us today having been concluded, we adjourn purposing to meet in Portsmouth, R. I. in 8th Mo.4, 1945, if the Lord permit.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 4, 1945.

The minutes of the meeting held in Providence in in Fifth Month have been read and are approved.

The Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows -

Providence -	Edward A. White Jane Foster George Wilkie	Emma M. McClelland Margaret Whittaker
Swansea -	Grace Rostron Dorothy F. Williamson Randall S. Naden Margaret W. Naden	Bertha L. Hathaway Laura B. Aydelott Daniel P. Shove Mary A. Harvey
Rhode Island-	L. Dean Jackson Emma Minkle	Bertha Yeaw Isabelle Truax

All were present except one from Rhode Island.

Of our representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting in Andover in Sixth Month all attended except one who gave a reasonable excuse.

The Queries have been read and followed by a time for silent consideration.

We have received a message telling of the passing of A. Edward Kelsey in Amesbury, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Marion Kelsey, returned to this country from Palestine last fall. Edward Kelsey has been very closely associated with this Quarterly Meeting since his student days at Brown University. He was pastor of the Portsmouth meeting after he returned from Palestine in 1915 because of war conditions at that time.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and is approved.

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Portsmouth in Eighth Month 4, 1945.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Elizabeth J.Trout.

In the absence of the secretary, Mary Harvey was appointed as clerk for the day.

Reports of the secretary and treasurer were approved.

The balance on hand was $7.17 increased by the offering for the day of $11.36 to $18.53.

Matters pertaining to a meeting of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee of Yearly Meeting to be held in the Ninth Month at were discussed.

The meeting closed with prayer by James Coney.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harvey

The recommendations of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee as approved by the Yearly Meeting which are usually presented at this time have been delayed. The clerk is authorized to send information to the Monthly Meetings as soon as it is received.

A Nominating Committee to bring forward names in the Eleventh Month for officers and committees for the ensuing year has been appointed as follows -

Edward A. White
Anna Foster
Laura B, Aydelott
Elizabeth J. Trout
L. Dean Jackson
Dorothy F. Williamson

James Coney spoke enthusiastically about the Yearly Meeting. The Young People have been able to take care of their Yearly Meeting expenses very satisfactorily although older Friends stand ready to help when needed.

Margaret Whittaker, a young Friend of Providence, spoke on the thought of an ever present God and felt that people were turning to God in these times of trouble.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting brought words of appreciation of the worship meetings, the inspiration received from the younger Friends, the Christian fellowship and the spiritual experience.

The physical characteristics of Phillips Academy were described and recommended as a fitting place for Yearly Meeting.

Philip Gifford expressed the feeling of dedication and unity at this historic meeting. A message was sent to the President of the United States from Yearly Meeting asking that steps be taken to end the war with Japan speedily. He said that that message will accomplish something only as we as individuals bring that message to those with whom we come in contact.

The book, "One God" was recommended by Thyra J. Foster for use in Church Schools. It is designed to bring about tolerance among Jews, Catholics, and Protestants.

We have enjoyed the helpful presence today of James Coney, Field Secretary of the Yearly Meeting.

We desire to extend to Friends of the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting our thanks and appreciation for their kind and generous hospitality.

Having concluded the business before us at this time we adjourn, purposing to meet at Somerset in Eleventh Month 3 if the Lord permit.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset, Massachusetts, Eleventh Month 3rd, 1945.

The minutes of the meeting held in Portsmouth, Eighth Month 4th, were read and approved.

The Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Providence - Ernest Snow
Millicent Foster
John Foster
William Foster
George Wilkie
Mildred Wood
Three are present

Swansea - Cornelia P. Lawton
Bertha L. Hathaway
Dorothy Williamson
Daniel P. Shove
Randall S. Naden
Grace Rostron
Susannah H. Lawton
Estelle Strange
Laura B. Aydelott
Margaret W. Naden
Eight are present

Rhode Island- L. Dean Jackson
Susan R. Trout
Isabel Truax
Emma Minkle
Three are present

The Nominating Committee made its report for officers and committees for the coming year and the names are approved with one change.

Clerk - Amy S. Hayden
Asst. Clerk - Helen T. Gifford
Treasurer - Daniel P. Shove
Supt.of Missions - Mildred S. Wood
Supt.of Bible Schools - Dorothy F. Williamson
Supt.of Christian Home Life - Alice T. Hartnett
Evangelistic Committee - Bertha L. Hathaway
Elizabeth J. Trout
Philip C. Gifford
Louisa White
Mary A. Harvey
Willis H. White
Marguerite D. Briggs
L. Dean Jackson
Harriet E. Angle
E. Anna Tucker
Susan Trout

According to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee's report which was approved by the Yearly Meeting, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's quota of Yearly Meeting expenses ($2,075.00) is 17% which amounts to $352.75.

Apportioned among our Monthly Meetings according to membership, Providence quota is $145.33; Swansea - $125.93; Rhode Island - $81.49.

The Treasurer reports that he has received from all the Monthly Meetings the first half of their quotas and has forwarded the same to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read:

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Somerset, Eleventh Month 3rd, 1945.

Following prayer by Elizabeth J. Trout, the report of the Treasurer was received. The balance on hand was $18.53. The offering for the day was $12.24. The total amount in the treasury is $30.77.

James A. Coney, Field Secretary of the Yearly Meeting met with us today and spoke of the need in the Yearly Meeting of a fund to supply leadership, particularly in some of the struggling meetings.

An appropriation of $20.00 was made for a need within the limits of our Quarterly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Dean Jackson, Secretay

It is approved that the Nominating Committee be continued to bring forward names in Fifth Month for representatives to the Yearly Meeting in Sixth Month.

The Queries have been read and considered.

Willis White reported that the East Greenwich meeting house property has been sold to the Town of East Greenwich. The proceeds are to be held by the treasurer of the Providence Monthly Meeting until the Permanent Board of Yearly Meeting meets in Second Month and makes final decision.

A bank book of $1000.00 given for the benefit of Friends has been located. East Greenwich Meeting had previously asked Providence Monthly Meeting to take over its property and membership.

A letter from a member of a Civilian Public Service camp in Oregon has been read. It is in regard to postwar planning for employment for young men coming back from C.P.S. since it is difficult for these men to find work.

It was advised that the chairman of Peace Committee of Yearly Meeting be notified if you have a boy needing help or if you know of any prospective employers. Rural Life Committee of Five Years Meeting will also be of assistance in regard to employment on farms.

James Coney told of the unusually large attendance at Five Years Meeting and of intense interest demonstrated at those meetings. He recommends that Monthly Meeting make plans to have reports of Five Years Meetings from our members who attended.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the bountiful hospitality provided for us today by Swansea Monthly Meeting Friends.

We appreciate the presence of James and Elsie Coney in our meetings today.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we adjourn purposing to meet in Providence, Rhode Island, in Fifth Month the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, Rhode Island, Fifth Month 4, 1946.

The name of Ruth D. B. White is proposed by the Nominating Committee for Assistant Clerk and is approved.

The several Monthly Meetings have named as their representatives the following persons:

Providence -
Ruth White
George Wilkie
Ernest Snow
Mildred Wood
Elizabeth Monroe

Rhode Island -
L. Dean Jackson
Ethel M. Perry
Dorothy Milham
Marguerite D. Briggs

Swansea -
Ethel J. Frye
Grace Rostron
Randall S. Naden
Daniel P. Shove
Margaret W. Naden
Susannah H. Lawton
Dorothy F. Williamson
Laura B. Aydelott
Bertha L. Hathaway

Twelve were in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting held in Somerset, Massachusetts Eleventh Month 3, have been read and are approved.

A letter from the Treasurer states that the May quota for Yearly Meeting expenses ($176.38) has been paid.

The Nominating Committee's report was approved as follows:

For representatives to Yearly Meeting to be held in Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month:

Philip C. Gifford
Amy S. Hayden
Henry C. Foster
L. Ralston Thomas
Louisa White
Dorothy F. Williamson
L. Dean Jackson
Isabelle Truax

Nominating Committee for two years - Louisa White

Finance Committee for two years - L. Ralston Thomas

Personal tributes were paid to the kindly, helpful life of Willis H. White who passed away Fourth Month , 1946.

The clerk of Ministry and Council gave a report on the spiritual condition of the meetings. It showed a deepening of spiritual life among the members.

The statistical report for 1945, including a special report on military service and conscientious objectors 1940 - 1945 inclusive, was read.

The total membership last year was 412, a loss of 15.

There were 62 men within the age limits subject to military service. Eleven of these were in Civilian Public Service, 2 in prison, 11 physically unfit, 11 deferred for various reasons, 3 in non-combattant military service, 24 in military service.

The Evangelistic Committee gave its report as follows:

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Providence Fifth Month 4, 1946.

Following prayer, reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were approved, the latter report showing:

Balance on hand	$10.77
Offering for the day	8.52
Present Balance	$19.29

We record our loss in the death of Willis H. White, a member of our committee, whom we shall miss, for he has been faithful in attendance at our Quarterly Meetings for many years.

The meeting closed with prayer that as individuals we may have in our hearts the true evangelistic spirit in seeking to win others for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Dean Jackson, Secretary

The Bible School report was read as follows:

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Report of the Rhode Island Bible School Quarterly Meeting Superintendent

Newport Bible School Superintendent Harriet E.Angle reports an attneding enrollment of 97 and a Cradle Roll of 7. They have ten classes and participated in a D.V.B.S. The material used is the Union Gospel, Scripture Press and Light Gospel Press. For Story Papers The Christian Life, Power and Council are used. Their contributions to missions for this year was $712.40. The statistics show a fine Beginners and Primary Department and a large adult attendance.

Providence Superintendent Emma A, MacClelland states an attendance of approximately 35 members with an informal organization. The adult classes are led by the members in turn and the Junior Department and Beginners led by teachers. The Friends General Conference Pamphlets and Penn Weekly are used with National Bible Society folders for beginners. The Old Testament Prophets each week in the hands of assigned leader is discussed in classes and the Quaker History and Book of Discipline in the Junior. Work of the various committees in Monthly Meeting has been covered by adult group also.

No record of contributions was made, but in the past have always given help to local concerns and feel sure this has been done this year also.

Portsmouth's Superintendent Marguerite Briggs gives an attending enrollment of 42 with a Home Department of 5 and a Cradle Roll of 4. A regular Missionary instruction is given and a contribution of $233.00 was sent to Missions this year. The International Uniform Sunday School Lessons and the Junior full Gospel Quarterly is used with the Christian Life Y. P. Delight and Juvenile Pleasure Story Papers. The Statement that conditons make it impossible for some members to attend but that most are regular in attendance and show great interest was made.

Swansea shows a loss in adult membership through the use of some as teachers and by death and the moving away of others. A strong Junior and Senior group of interested members is noted. A community D. V. B. School was held at the meeting with an attendance of 70 children. The Penn Study Quarters and Scripture Press are used. The children participate in the programs of the worship services on special occasions willingly and delightfully. No new growth shows in the statistics but a spiritual growth is pleasantly noted.

This year shows no great difference in attendance and also shows no large loss in enrollment. The local meetings have maintained a good record in the trying years behind.

Saylesville's Wesley Garlock for Mabel McManus Superintendent reports an attending enrollment of 17 and a Cradle Roll of 2. They use the Penn Adult and Junior Quarterly. The Penn Weekly and Cook's Boy's and Girl's Story Paper. He says, "We have not seen any great advancement during the past year, nevertheless, we are holding our own. It has been discouraging at times, but we have managed to keep our Bible School in tact. We are contemplating a D. V. B. S. this summer. Our Bible School Superintendent has been unable to be with us for the past six months and we have missed her very much. Our assistant Superintendents Joseph and Ruth Robertson are doing their best."

We should all cooperate with and pray for these schools. The members are our future citizens and are our responsibility.

Dorothy F. Williamson

Missionary Superintendent Mildred Wood read the missionary report as follows:

Friends Missionary Report

Our Annual Missionary Report blanks were returned in the proper time but a great many of the questions were left unanswered which makes it a little difficult to make an accurate report but I'll do the best I can with the information received.

All four local missionary societies have functioned efficiently during the year but only two reported favorably on the Monthly Meetings Committee.

Under Missionary Education, two of our meetings have regular Sunday School lessons, one sermons by the pastor, one with classes one afternoon a month for children followed by an evening meeting for all, which is well attended.

Two of the societies have outside speakers and displays slides or motion pictures, one had two supper meetings before their evening meetings.

Providence and Swansea monthly meetings are the only meetings who use any Friendly publications. Both use the Annual Study material published by the American Friends Board of Missions. The Bible School used material on Kenya Colony.

The books most widely read were "Daughter of Africa" and "Cross over Africa" - Booth.

$149.75 contributed to American Friends Board of Missions and Daniel Oliver Orphanage.

$2563.96 contributed for other missionary endeavor.

George Selleck of Cambridge meeting spoke for the Committee of Reorganization of New England Branch of Service Committee. He brought before us the concern of some Friends in New England to have a New England Branch of the Service Committee. A branch in a locality has an influence on the development of individual responsibility which is not so apparent where the headquarters is in Philadelphia. Such a local branch has been established in Southern California with particular effectiveness. He brought to us some suggestions already made by other Friends and asked our meeting to contribute suggestions and comments. The forming of a committee and sub committeees, size of committee, representation by Monthly Meetings, branches of service, need of secretary and volunteers, financial support, and interest of non Friends were some of the phases of the subject discussed.

James Coney gave a clear explanation of the Yearly Meeting Budget for Activities formerly called the United Budget and the Yearly Meeting expenses. The former is obtained by voluntary contributions and the latter by assessment.

We appreciate the helpful presence of George A.Selleck and James A. Coney in our meeting for worship and business.

We wish to express appreciation for the hospitality of Providence Friends.

The business coming before us today having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 3 the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 3, 1946.

The minutes of the meeting held at Providence, Rhode Island, Fifth Month 4, 1946 have been read and are approved.

The following representatives have been named by the several Monthly Meetings to attend this meeting:

From Providence - Ruth White Ernest Snow
Elizabeth Snow Martha Metz
Millicent Foster
All attended

From Rhode Island -Edith L. McLean Bertha Briggs
Alice Hartnett Bertha Yeaw
3 attended

From Swansea - Nathan Chase Susannah H. Lawton
Randall S. Naden Margaret W. Naden
Dorothy F.Williamson Bertha L.Hathaway
Daniel P. Shove Mary A. Harvey
3 attended
Two who attended morning service were absent because of sickness.

Of the representatives to attend Yearly Meeting all were present except two. (Reasonable expenses were given)

Millicent Foster gave impressions of the Yearly Meeting sessions. She gave an encouraging report of Friends of different backgrounds working together and stressed the importance of individual responsibility of members from the Monthly Meeting up through the Yearly Meeting and conversely from the Yearly Meeting down through the Monthly Meeting. Of the personalities who make strong impressions she spoke specially of Dr. Bond of Friends Mission in Uganda, Africa and Rolla Foley who has been doing special work in music throughout Palestine.

Philip Gifford told us that Yearly Meeting is to have a central office at the Cambridge Center, the extra expense to be taken care of under Yearly Meeting expenses. Harold Tollefson spoke of a similar central office in Baltimore where he is Executive Secretary.

Mary C, Foster announced a Young Peoples week end meeting for New England with a program similar to the Young Friends meetings at Yearly Meeting.

Raymond Wood received several contributions from individuals toward expenses of young people attending Yearly Meeting.

Report of the Evangelistic Committee was read by the Chairman, Bertha Hathaway.

The offering for the day was $11.46 making a total on hand of $30.75. The Committee united in sending John Westin $10.00 because of the severe illness of his wife and Dorothy Milham $10.00 since she is going into evangelistic work soon.

The Queries were read.

We note the passing of E. Annah Tucker for many years a recorded minister of East Greenwich meeting. Elizabeth Trout is named to prepare a memorial to her.

Announcement was made that Yearly Meeting families would receive a financial statement with a graphic illustration of Yearly Meeting expenses and Budget for Activities.

Bertha L. Hathaway, Helen T. Gifford, Elizabeth J. Trout, Mary A. Harvey, L. Dean Jackson, and Elizabeth Foster are appointed a nominating committee to bring forward names in Eleventh Month for officers and committees for the coming year.

The Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has forwarded to this meeting a letter signed by Myron L. Tripp, Indiana Yearly Meeting and A. Ashley Stewart, Nebraska Yearly Meeting urging Orthodox Friends of the Five Years Meeting to retain the old discipline and to reject the proposed "Faith and Practice." The Rhode Island Monthly Meeting after considering this letter has concluded to function under the old discipline. The letter has been read to this meeting. Harold Tollefson spoke in kindly criticism of the letter which he believes to contain erroneous statements and serves no good purpose. Elizabeth Trout stresses the need of being born into the Kingdom and warns against affiliation with those who do not believe in the Atonement. Philip C. Gifford spoke on the light and truth given us directly from God. He desires that we live under the discipline which we find most satisfactory.

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommends to the Quarterly Meeting that word be sent to each Monthly Meeting urging the meeting to accept as a real responsibility the prayerful study of the new proposed discipline during the fall and winter and that a report of criticism and suggestions be sent by February 15 to Philip C. Gifford, our representative on the Yearly Meeting committee on Discipline.

The Five Years Meeting suggested that Yearly Meetings use Part 2 on procedures at their discretion. New England Yearly Meeting adopted Part 2 for trial for one year. If any difficulty arose each meeting was advised to return to previous custom. A report is to be given at next Yearly Meeting.

Harold Tollefson told us how Baltimore had met this situation and said we still enjoy some parts of the old familiar discipline. It is difficult to use words to express our religious ideas and to find words satisfactory to all since words have a particular meaning to the individual. The clerk is asked to inform each Monthly Meeting of the necessity of procuring and studying this new proposed discipline.

Helen Gifford told us of a memorial gift to be given for Palestine in remembrance of A. Edward Kelsey. Yearly Meeting Friends are contributing toward the gift and Amy S.Hayden is asked to receive contributions for this Quarterly Meeting.

We welcome Harold and Gladys Tollefson and their daughters Elsie and Miriam in our meeting today.

We wish to express our appreciation of the hospitality of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Friends.

The business of this meeting having been completed we now adjourn purposing to meet at Somerset, Eleventh Month if the Lord permit.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Eleventh Month 2, 1946.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives to this meeting as follows:

Providence - Ernest Snow, Louisa White, Raymond Wood

Rhode Island - Emma Minkler, L. Dean Jackson, Ethel Perry, Susan Trout.

Swansea - Bertha L. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, Ethel Fry, Susannah H. Lawton, Dorothy F. Williamson, Grace Rostron, Randall S. Naden, Margaret W. Naden

Twelve of these were present.

The minutes of the meeting held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 3, 1946, have been read and are approved.

The treasurer, Daniel P. Shove, gave the following report -

Nov. 1, 1945	Cash balance on hand	$42.29
May 1, 1946	Received from our Three Monthly Meetings	176.38
	Total	$218.67

Disbursements

Paid Ernest C. Ainsworth Yearly Meeting Treas.	$176.38
Nov. 1, 1946 Cash balance on hand	42.29

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Shove, Treasurer

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting this year is to bear 16 per cent of the total Yearly Meeting expense of $38.00. Our Quarterly Meetings quota is $608.00 apportioned among the Monthly Meetings according to membership which is as follows:

Providence	$247.70
Rhode Island	139.70
Swansea	220.60

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read.

The Queries have been read and considered. The thought of keeping the integrity of the Christian faith and being consistent in our action was brought to our attention.

A letter from the clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting with information about the membership of the East Greenwich Monthly Meeting has been read.

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In Eleventh Month 1945 Willis H. White reported the sale of property of East Greenwich Monthly Meeting. At this meeting a letter is received from Henry C. Foster, clerk of the Providence Monthly Meeting stating that Providence Monthly Meeting through its clerk invited each of the seven members of East Greenwich Monthly Meeting to become active members of the Providence Monthly Meeting. Three requested such membership. E. Anna Tucker and Eva Matley passed away before they were received into membership. Mildred Matley Myrick was received into membership of the Providence Monthly Meeting in Tenth Month 1946.

Therefore the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting now records the laying down of the East Greenwich Monthly Meeting as of Eleventh Month 2, 1946.

The meeting requests the names of the other four members and further information about them.

The minute recording the laying down of the East Greenwich meeting and the names of the seven members will be attached to the closing minute of East Greenwich meeting in the vault at Moses Brown School and a copy sent to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

A Yearly Meeting Bulletin is being sent out from time to time to families of the Yearly Meeting. The particular meetings are requested to send a mailing list of heads of families to the Cambridge office if it has not already been done.

A communication from the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been read.

James Coney reported on a conference held at Allens Neck Meeting House for Salem Quarterly Meeting. The program included "What it means to be a Friend" Harold Chance; "Discussion of Discipline" led by Russel Brooks.

Everett Chapman and James Coney meeting with us today participated in the conference at Allens Neck. James Coney recommends that such conferences be held throughout the Yearly Meeting.

Our attention was directed to the particular contribution that Friends have to make, to the appreciation by others of silent worship and the significance of Friends in the family of churches.

It is approved that this Quarterly Meeting holds a conference and that the meeting on Ministry and Oversight make plans for it.

The nominating committee appointed in Eighth Month submitted their report. The following Friends as named in the report are appointed to their respective offices and committees for the ensuing year:

Clerk - Amy S. Hayden
Assistant Clerk - Ruth D. B. White
Treasurer - Daniel P. Shove
Superintendent of Missions - Mildred S. Wood
Superintendent of Bible School - Emma MacClellan
Superintendent of Christian Home Life - Alice T. Hartnett

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Bertha L. Hathaway
Marguerite D. Briggs
Elizabeth J. Trout
Philip C. Gifford
Harriet E. Angle
Mary A. Harvey
Susan Trout
Elizabeth Foster
L.Dean Jackson
Louisa White

The meeting approved payment for typing of Quarterly Meeting minutes when it is necessary to incur that expense. The value of duplicate copy was brought to our attention.

The nominating committee are asked to bring forward names in Fifth Month for representatives to Yearly Meeting and one to serve on Yearly Meeting finance committee for two years and one on the Yearly Meeting nominating committee.

Effie Cates of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting who was the Friends Camp Leader at Northfield Missionary Conference last summer gave an interesting account of the conference.

The presence and ministry with us today of Everett Chapman, chairman of Meetings and Extension Committee of Yearly Meeting; James and Elsie Coney; Effie Cates, office secretary of Yearly Meeting central office in Cambridge is noted with appreciation. We welcome Donald Cassidy from Central Yearly Meeting who is serving the Newport meeting.

We record our sincere gratitude for what Swansea Friends have done for our comfort and enjoyment today.

Having concluded the business of the day we now adjourn purposing to meet in Providence on Fifth Month 3, 1947, the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

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At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence Fifth Month 3, 1947. Charles H. White is appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed by the Monthly Meetings to attend this meeting are

From Providence - Ruth D. B. White, Henry C. Foster,
Philip C. Gifford.

Three are present

From Swansea - Nathan Chace, Grace Rostron, Audrey Chace,
Cornelia Lockwood, Mary Harvey, Bertha
Hathaway, Susannah H. Lawton, Madeline Chace.

Four are present

From Rhode Island = Ethel Perry, L. Dean Jackson,
Emma Minkler, Susan Trout

Four are present.

The minutes of our meeting held at South Somerset, Massachusetts Eleventh Month 2, 1946, have been read and approved.

The Queries were all read and considered.

We record with a deep sense of loss the death of Daniel P. Shove on Twelfth Month 31, 1946. He had been treasurer of this Quarterly Meeting for many years and performed his duties with painstaking care and cheerfulness. In his advancing years he could be depended upon for accuracy and promptness. He will be deeply missed in our Quarterly Meeting sessions. We extend to his wife, Elizabeth Shove, our loving sympathy.

We record here the Memorial prepared for Swansea Monthly Meeting of which he was a member -

> It is with a deep sense of loss that we record the death of Daniel P. Shove on Twelfth Month 31,1946 in his eighty-fifth year. He was a birthright member of Friends, and was a descendant of one of the prominent families of the Monthly Meeting.
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> He was always interested in the welfare of the Society of Friends and his understanding of financial matters was especially valuable. He held several positions of trust and responsibility. He was an Overseer, a member of the Finance Committee, the Committee on Funerals and Burials and was the Representative of the Monthly Meeting on the Nathan Slade Burial Association. For many years, he was an efficient chairman of the Entertainment Committee at the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting. He also gave many years of capable service as Treasurer

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of the Quarterly Meeting.

> He attended meetings for Worship and business sessions when able, and his remarks on affairs of the meeting were brief and well considered. We shall long miss his cheery greeting and pleasant companionship, as well as his keen perception and sound judgment. The meeting is poorer for the passing away of such Friends.

The nominating committee have presented the following names and they are approved -

Representatives to Yearly Meeting:

Louisa White
Bertha L. Hathaway
Philip C. Gifford
Felice De Budda
Millicent S. Foster
L. Ralston Thomas
Elizabeth Foster
Helen T. Gifford
Charles H. White

Member of Yearly Meeting nominating committee for two years - Elizabeth Foster

Member of Yearly Meeting finance committee for two years - Philip C. Gifford

Treasurer of Quarterly Meeting - Philip C. Gifford

Auditor - Charles H. White

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and received. It follows -

> The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met after lunch at Providence on Fifth Month 3, 1947.
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> Following prayer by Elizabeth J. Trout, the reports of the secretary and treasurer were approved, the latter report showing a balance of $18.14. The offering for the day was $4.41 and the total in the treasury $22.55.
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> The following were named as officers for the year:

Chairman	Bertha L. Hathaway
Vice Chairman	Elizabeth Foster
Treasurer	Mary A. Harvey
Secretary	L. Dean Jackson

> The meeting was closed with a period of silent prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Dean Jackson, Secretary

The statistical reports have been read. With slight corrections the summary will be forwarded to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting. The reports show the present membership to be 388, a net loss of 18 from last year.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the various meetings were read, approved, and expressions of appreciation were given.

Raymond Wood is appointed again this year to receive contributions to help Young Friends meet their expenses at Yearly Meeting.

A report on Bible Schools by Dorothy Williamson, the superintendent, has been presented and is approved.

Alice Hartnett made a verbal report on Christian Home Life. She states there is a lack of funds to purchase literature for distribution.

Mildred Wood's report on missionary activities has been read and approved. It follows -

Friends Missionary Report 1946

ORGANIZATION

The Missionary Societies in our Quarterly Meeting report - Monthly Meetings and the Local Missionary Societies have functioned efficiently during the year with the exception of the Providence Monthly Meeting committee which feels they are "overly committed" individually and cannot do the missionary committee work in addition.

EDUCATION

A number of questions are left blank but we find two meetings have come missionary education during the 1st day lessons, one in a young peoples society and one with sermons by the pastor. All have outside speakers. Two have had motion pictures on missions. Providence reports - Interdenominational Fall Institute for members of the meeting. Two meetings subscribe to the various missionary papers and one uses study books in the missionary society approved by the American Friends Board of Missions. Two meetings use at least part of the annual study material published by the Missionary Education Movement and two definitely urge the reading of books on missions or world wide Christianity.

The books most widely read were David Livingstone's "Behind Mud Walls" "Tales from India" "India at the Threshhold" "To Whom Much is Given" and "The Portrait of a Pilgrim."

Two have meetings in the evening every month to keep their men and women well informed on missionary activity and one has a supper meeting to include families.

SUPPORT

We have a total of $2810.51 contributed to home and foreign missions from all the Monthly Meetings of which only $78.00 is administered by the Five Years Meeting.

The questions concerning the total membership of the Monthly Meetings were answered by only two meetings so averages cannot be given.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred S. Wood

James Coney states that statistical reports of Yearly Meeting are to be reduced and simplified. We should know how many attend our meetings who are not members. The Yearly Meeting committee on arrangements feel a concern to help all who wish to attend Yearly Meeting but cannot afford it. By means of the so called Equalization Fund they may be helped financially. Young Friends will need $500.00 to $600.00 to enable them to attend Yearly Meeting. It is hoped that Quarterly Meetings may assume the responsibility of providing these funds.

Philip C. Gifford, newly appointed treasurer, reports that Daniel P. Shove's records show that he has forwarded $304.00 to the Yearly Meeting treasurer. This is the first half of our budget.

Further information concerning East Greenwich membership has been obtained from the clerk of the Providence Monthly Meeting as requested. Since the Quarterly Meeting in Eleventh Month 1946 a personal call was made on Adeline F. Clarke and she desired membership in the Providence meeting and was received into membership. Elvina M. Perry and Elizabeth M. Allen did not wish affiliation with the Providence meeting because they could not attend due to physical difficulties. A letter to A. May Johnson was returned unclaimed and it has not been possible to obtain her present address. No action has been taken in transferring her membership.

A report of American Friends Service Committee work done by Providence Friends was read and well received.

James Coney has been in attendance at this meeting and his presence and ministry gratefully received.

Appreciation for bounteous supply of good food and for services of Providence Friends is recorded.

A spiritual message from the minutes of Dover Quarterly Meeting has been read by James Coney.

The business of the meeting having been finished the meeting is concluded purposing to meet Eighth Month 2, 1947 at Portsmouth if the Lord permit.

Charles White, Clerk for the day

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 2, 1947.

The several meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Providence - Mary Flagg   Thyra Jane Foster
Emma MacClelland   Philip C. Gifford

Rhode Island - Emma Minkler   Earl Bailey
Susan R. Trout   Marguerite D. Briggs

Swansea - Mary Harvey   Bertha L. Hathaway
Margaret Naden   Randall Naden
Susannah H. Lawton   Dorothy F. Williamson
Ethel Frye   Laura B. Aydelott
Grace Rostron   Benjamin Chase

All were present except three.

The minutes of the meeting held in Providence Fifth Month 3, 1947, have been read and are approved.

Of our representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting in Sixth Month seven attended. L. Ralston Thomas was serving with the American Friends Service Committee in Hungary.

Representatives have given brief reports of Yearly Meeting.

It is expected that Yearly Meeting will meet at Andover, Massachusetts again next year and plans are being made to hold the session five days later to enable more people to attend. This will be an advantage to teachers and students. An Equalization Fund is available to enable individuals to attend Yearly Meeting who could not attend otherwise because of the expense. It is hoped that next year more Friends will avail themselves of this opportunity for attending Yearly Meeting. Twenty Friends with minutes from meetings in the United States, England, and other countries were in attendance. These Friends with strong Quaker background were a great spiritual help. One representative was impressed by the work in religious education being done in some states where children in the public schools are excused from regular classes once a week to attend classes in religious education under trained leadership. Such classes are well attended in many localities.

Levinus K. Painter told in one of the meetings of the setting up of a new Yearly Meeting of 19,000 members in East Africa. They are seeking,humble people like the early Christians. There is great need for physical and spiritual help and extension of the field of work. The time has come when we need to work with these people and not for them. Further discussion of the new discipline was reported and another Yearly Meeting committee was appointed with which

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we can consult during the year.

On the Frist Day evening Clarence Pickett, Executive Secretary of American Friends Service Committee, gave a talk on the "Christian Aspects of the Work of the American Friends Service Committee" which was well received.

Generous financial help has been given by the Monthly Meetings of this Quarterly Meeting to enable young Friends to attend Yearly Meeting.

The Evangelistic Committee meeting was omitted. A collection of $6.36 was reported.

A. Edrey Peet presented a minute from London Yearly Meeting Meeting for Sufferings. She came with five others from England to attend the Young Friends Conference at Richmond, Indiana. From that conference Young Friends went out in small groups to visit Friends meetings in United States and Canada. Edrey Peet has been visiting in Canada and the East. She spoke of meeting in the spirit of Christ and not depending on place, surroundings or leaders. We can find Christ in our midst.

The clerk is asked to prepare a suitable letter to the London Meeting.

A folder containing financial information of the Yearly Meeting has been sent out from the Central office by request of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting. The assessment for Yearly Meeting expenses this year is $4,000.00 and the budget for activities is $8,500.00. We are again reminded that the funds for activities of the Yearly Meeting and of the Five Years Meeting are raised by voluntary gifts sent through Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is assessed 16% of Yearly Meeting expenses this year which amounts to approximately $1.65 per member. Apportioning our assessment of $640.00 among our Monthly Meeting according to membership the quotas are as follows:

Providence - $282.10 Rhode Island - $145.15 Swansea - $212.80

The Quarterly Meeting accepts the responsibility of this quota.

The concern of Arthur Jones, a minister in Wintrop, Maine, and clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, to visit Friends in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was presented to the meeting. It is recommended that we invite him to attend Quarterly Meeting in Eleventh Month and make plans for him to visit local meetings.

The Queries have been read and considered.

A nominating committee consisting of Thyra Jane Foster, Laura B. Aydelott, Ruth D. B. White, L. Dean Jackson, Mary A. Harvey, Susan R, Trout are appointed to propose at our next meeting the names of officers and committees to serve us for the coming year.

Albert Scott, a member of Providence Monthly Meeting now residing at Marthas Vineyard told us of the meetings held at Martha Vineyard during the summer months. It is hoped that with the economic growth and expanding business of the island there will be an opportunity to establish a year round meeting there.

Philip C. Gifford as a member of a committee of Providence Monthly Meeting to consider its continuation of membership in two Quarterly Meetings has presented a concern that the Quarterly Meeting should consider the question also because a satisfactory conclusion cannot be reached without a consultation with representatives of the various Monthly Meetings. It is approved that a Quarterly Meeting committee consisting of two or more members from each Monthly Meeting and appointed by the Monthly Meetings be formed to consider this question and to confer with a similar committee of the Narragansett Quarterly Meeting. The clerk shall be a member of the committee and call its first meeting.

The presentation of this concern has disclosed that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting was misinformed about action having been taken by Providence Monthly Meeting and that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting after considering what course was left for them had reached the conclusion that they desired to become an independent Monthly Meeting. A representative from Providence stated that they have not decided in which of the two Quarterly Meetings they will continue membership. They feel they should not continue in both but desire that whatever action they take shall be for the best welfare of all. This dual membership was brought about (1944) by the recommendation of the Continuation Committee representating Friends in New England as a preparatory step in planning for the merging of all Friends groups in New England.

The newly formed committee is empowered to consider the decision of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in regard to withdrawal from the Yearly Meeting, which action may have been prompted by a misunderstanding.

The frankness and kindly spirit with which this discussion has been carried on is appreciated by the meeting.

We express our thanks to the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for their kind and generous hospitality.

The business of the day having been completed we now adjourn purposing to meet in South Somerset, Eleventh Month 1, 1947, if the Lord permit.

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At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Massachusetts, Eleventh Month 2, 1947.

The minutes of the meeting held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 2, 1947, have been read and are approved.

The Monthly Meetings have appointed the following members as representatives to this meeting.

Providence - Eunice Prell itz, Henry C. Foster, Millicent S. Foster,
Elizabeth Snow.
Swansea - Bertha L. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, Madeline Chace,
Audrey N. Chace, Susannah H. Lawton, Dorothy F. Williamson,
Ethel J. Frye, Randall S. Naden, Margaret W. Naden,
Laura B. Aydelott, Grace N. Rostron.
Rhode Island - Emma M. Minkler, L. Dean Jackson, Ethel Perry,
Elizabeth J. Trout.

Twelve representatives are in attendenace.

Philip C. Gifford, Treasurer, reports that the half years quota has been sent to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting and there is $42.32 on hand in the treasury.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read. It follows:

November 1, 1947.

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Somerset after lunch today.

Following a period of silent devotion and prayer by Elizabeth J. Trout, the treasurer reported a balance of $28.91 and the morning offering of $9.21 making a total of $38.12 on hand. $10.00 of this amount was appropriated for the traveling expenses of a visiting friend.

After an interchange of information concerning the need and opportunities for sending food packages abroad, it was decided that $20.00 be sent to Edna Haviland to be used for packages of food to be sent to Europe or England.

For the Committee -
L. Dean Jackson

The Queries have been read followed by a period of prayer and thoughtful consideration.

The October 2 issues of the American Friend devoted to interests of the Friends World Committee on Consultation are here for distribution having been sent by Julianna Perry, a member of that committee.

The Nominating Committee present the following report:

Clerk, Amy S. Hayden
Assistant Clerk, Ruth D. B. White
Treasurer, Philip C. Gifford
Auditor, Charles White
Supt. of Missions, Ruth D.B. White
Supt. of Bible Schools, Emma MacClellan

Evangelistic Committee

Bertha L. Hathaway
Mary A. Harvey
Marguerite D. Briggs
L. Dean Jackson
Louisa White
Philip C. Gifford
Elizabeth J. Trout
Susan Trout
Harriet E. Angle
Elizabeth Foster

The meeting approves this report and these members will serve as officers and committees for the coming year.

Report of the special committee of the Quarterly Meeting has been read as follows:

The committee named by the Monthly Meetings to consider dual membership in Quarterly Meetings and the withdrawal of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting met in Fall River October 4 with all present but one. The committee consists of Elizabeth J. Trout, Donald Cassidy, Isabelle Truax, L. Dean Jackson, Marguerite D. Briggs, Ruth D.B. White Philip C. Gifford, Thyra Jane Foster, Elizabeth Monroe, Millicent S. Foster, Laura B. Aydelott, Mary A. Harvey, Margaret S. Naden, Amy S. Hayden. The committee named Amy S. Hayden chairman.
The feeling expressed by some of the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting representatives was that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting cannot be in unity with Providence Monthly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting because they do not believe the same. One is evangelistic and the other conservative and no unity can exist between them.
Providence Monthly Meeting representatives feel that although the form of worship in the meetings may be different the aims of the meetings are the same and that the number who differ in belief has been overestimated. The Providence Monthly Meeting believes that the different types can continue to form one Quarterly Meeting and find strength by remaining one Quarterly Meeting as Providence local meeting felt increased strength after merging three types in its meeting.
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting desires to become an independent Monthly Meeting and later to join some other Yearly Meeting outside New England when it decides which one it prefers.
In case Providence Monthly Meeting which now belongs to two Quarterly Meetings decides to keep its membership in Narragansett Quarterly Meeting only and Rhode Island Monthly Meeting withdraws, Swansea Monthly Meeting alone would constitute the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and so the possibility of combining the two Quarterly Meetings was suggested.
The Yearly Meeting is feeling its way toward a new discipline but the parts already accepted by it are not pleasing to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Friends and they think this has precipitated their move toward withdrawal.
The other Monthly Meetings would be better satisfied to have Rhode Island Monthly Meeting transfer directly from New England Yearly Meeting to another Yearly Meeting than to become independent first with no Yearly Meeting affiliation. They have agreed to consider this and when they decide to which Yearly Meeting they will take their membership the matter will be brought to the Yearly Meeting, through the Quarterly Meeting, according to discipline.

Providence Monthly Meeting will take no action in the matter of Quarterly Meeting membership until a proposition is brought to the Quarterly Meeting by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.
After a short period of prayer the meeting adjourned.

Amy S. Hayden, Chairman

A letter from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been read. It states that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting desires to withdraw from New England Yearly Meeting and to unite with some other Yearly Meeting but it has not yet decided with which Yearly Meeting it wishes to unite.
This meeting has deliberately and prayfully considered the situation being mindful that whatever we do should be done in the spirit of Christ. The Quarterly Meeting would like to be convinced that the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is reasonably well united in its request and asks that the Monthly Meeting send a letter to all non resident members and members not attending Monthly Meeting regularly to inform them of this proposed withdrawal from New England Yearly Meeting.
The discipline makes provision for the transfer of a Monthly Meeting to another Yearly Meeting but no provision is found for granting a withdrawal whereby a Monthly Meeting would be independent of a Yearly Meeting. This meeting asks the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to send the Quarterly Meeting another letter recusting transfer when it is united on which Yearly Meeting it desires to join. Then the Quarterly Meeting will act upon the request according to the discipline.
Expressions of deep sorrow over the severance were voiced and hope expressed that after a period of waiting we may still continue to work together as a Quarterly Meeting in the New England Yearly Meeting. It is the desire of some that satisfactory changes in the proposed discipline may be made which should help to restore unity. Continuation of the committee set up to consider dual membership and withdrawal of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is approved. It may be called together for consultation if such a meeting seems advisable.

We have been deeply helped in our meeting for worship by the ministry of Arthur Jones, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, who serves the Friends Meeting in Wintrop, Maine. We greatly appreciate his presence in our meetings of the day.

We wish to express to Swansea Monthly Meeting our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality and comforts provided through the day.

After completing the business before us we adjourn to meet in Providence, Rhode Island, Fifth Month 1, 1948, if the Lord permit.

Amy S. Hayden
Clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, Rhode Island, Fifth Month 1, 1948.

The minutes of the meeting held at South Somerset, Eleventh Month 2, 1947, have been read and meet with approval. Representatives from the Monthly Meetings are as follows:

Providence - Rudolph Metz, Edward A. White, George Wilkie, Henry Foster.

Rhode Island - Ethel M. Perry, Mervin C. Briggs, Alice R. Jackson, Emma Minkler.

Swansea - Bertha L. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, Dorothy F. Williamson, Russell W. Hathaway, Grace N. Rostron, Ethel J. Frye, Randall S. Naden, Margaret W. Naden.

Fourteen are in attendance.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was presented. It follows:

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met today after lunch. The meeting was opened with a period of silent devotion. The balance on hand of $8.12 was increased by the offering for the day, $5.08, to a total of $13.20.
The Treasurer read a letter from Edna Haviland, thanking the committee for the sum of $20.00 sent for two "Care" packages. She stated that one package was sent to a Dutch minister in Vienna, who formerly lived in Hungary. They refused from principle to trade in the "black market" and are having a very difficult time. Both are thin from under nourishment.
The other went to France to a widow with one child. Food and fuel are scarce and prices prohibitive.
The meeting was closed with prayer by Elizabeth Trout.
For the Committee, Dean Jackson, Secretary

The Queries have been read followed by a period of silence.

The statistical reports from the Monthly Meeting have been read and a summary of these reports will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. The present membership of the Quarterly Meeting is 382, a net loss of 6 during the year. Nine were lost by death, 17 by discontinuance. There were 20 additions by request.

The meeting desired to hear the report on the spiritual condition of the meetings and it was read by the clerk of Ministry & Council, Dorothy F. Williamson.

A report was read by the Superintendent of Bible Schools, Emma C. MacClelland and supplemented by an oral report. The question arises why more Bible Schools are not using Friends literature.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Bible Schools

Five Bible Schools active with total enrollment of about 250 persons. These schools report a growth in enrollment and others emphasize the awareness and depth of understanding of the spirit of silent worship where it has been used by the children. Contributions to missions, the American Friends Service Committee

and for local purposes have been generous in view of the number of members.
It is noted with regret that much of the lesson material used is other than that edited by our Friends Publishing Houses and the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent suggests that if Friends material does not meet the needs of classes, the publishing houses should be informed. If other material is used as a matter of expediency, then the Bible Schools might reexamine their selection of material.

Emma MacClelland

Alice T. Hartnett gave a verbal report of work done in the department of Christian Home Life. Literature has been sent to several Bible School superintendents and contacts have been made in ten Bible Schools of other denominations. Emphasis was put on the help needed to lead parents of small children into the practice of daily Bible reading and devotions. The meeting approved the superintendent drawing from the treasury up to $5.00 to be spent on literature for distribution. If individuals would like to help, contributions may be given to the treasurer for this purpose.

Although the report of the missionary superintendent was prepared it did not reach this meeting in time to be read.

The chairman of the Special Committee reported that the Committee held its second meeting April 10, 1948 in Fall River. There was nothing to report from that meeting.

A letter from Theodore Tollefson, a member of Newport meeting, to the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, was read. It asks that the Quarterly Meeting do not approve the request for transfer of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting since some of the members desire to remain within New England Yearly Meeting. It is his belief that when even a few members are not in unity with the action recommended, a minute favoring such action should not be recorded. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has communicated with its members not regularly attending Monthly Meeting and with non resident members and now makes a new request for transfer from New England Yearly Meeting. The Monthly Meeting asks that approval be given before the meeting makes application to another Yearly Meeting for membership. The Quarterly Meeting feels it will be necessary to state the Yearly Meeting in a future request. This meeting is aware that there is opposition by a few members within the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting tothe request for transfer. It appears to be the sense of this meeting that we postpone a decision on this request. By postponement we hope for unity and love in whatever action we take later.

The suggestion is made and is approved that the Special Committee call into conference certain Friends outside our Quarterly Meeting such as the clerk of Yearly Meeting, the Field Secretary of the Yearly Meeting and some members of the permanent board who may help us in reaching a satisfactory decision.

We wish to express our appreciation for the hospitality of Providence Friends.

Having completed the business before us we adjourn to meet in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 7, 1948, the Lord permitting.

Amy S. Hayden, clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Eighth Month 7, 1940.

The minutes of the meeting held at Providence, Fifth Month,1 1948, have been read and meet with approval.

Representatives appointed by the Monthly Meeting to attend this meeting are from -

Providence - Anna Foster, Millicent Foster, Genevieve Briggs,
Mary Flagg, Philip C. Gifford, Ernest Snow.

Rhode Island - Lillian Viveiros, Emma Minkler, Marguerite Briggs,
Alice Hartnett.

Swansea - Dorothy F. Williamson, Bertha L. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey
Madeline Chase, Grace N. Rostron, Emily K. Mahler,
Randall S. Naden, Margaret W, Naden.

Thirteen representatives are in attendance.

Alice Hartnett reports that Friends literature has been purchased for the Department of Christian Home Life and has been distributed among the local meetings. She urges the use of this material. In order to purchase these Friends publications which seemed specially good it was necessary for the superintendent to supplement her appropriation from the Quarterly Meeting with aid from Yearly Meeting funds. We now appropriate an additional $5.00 and request the treasurer to forward the amount to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Christian Education (Gertrude Smith) Contributions for this purpose are needed.

Our representatives to Yearly Meeting were Helen T. Gifford, E. Warren Howe, Alice T. Hartnett, Bertha L. Hathaway, Ethel Frye, L. Ralston Thomas, Philip C. Gifford, Louisa White, Elizabeth Foster.

Since the business of appointing a member of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee and a member of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee was overlooked at our last meeting the Monthly Meetings approved the reappointing of L. Ralston Thomas and Louisa White. All the representatives attended except one whose husband passed away suddenly.

Representatives spoke of the good attendance at Yearly Meeting, of the necessity of attending to the business of the Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting, of Elden Trueblood's emphasis on Unity in worship and in love in the service of the Lord, and Cecil Henshaw's words "Pentecost can come again." It depends on our degree of commitment. There must be no half hearted allegience." Sally Galliger was asked to repeat the story which she told to the Junior Yearly Meeting when she went to bear greetings from the adult Yearly Meeting.

Philip Gifford, a member of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, gave us information on the new budget. The salary of the Field Secretary is transferred this year from the Budget of Activities to the assessed budget of the Yearly Meeting where it properly belongs. All Quarterly Meetings are assessed $2.30 per member. Accordingly our Quarterly Meeting is responsible for

$878.60. Apportioned among our Monthly Meeting it amounts to - Providence, $400.20; Rhode Island, $213.90; Swansea, $264.50. The Monthly Meeting will be informed each month how the Budget for Activities stands. This may prevent a shortage which occurred at the end of last fiscal year without the meetings being aware of it.

The last message of Rufus Jones to the Yearly Meeting is to be printed in pamphlet form and will be mailed to the correspondent of each local meeting for distribution.

We note with deep sadness the passing of George Wilkie on Sixth Month 25. As we entered upon the business of the day although he was not in his accustomed place we could hear his admonition "This is the Lord's business." A memorial prepared by the Providence Monthly Meeting will be recorded in our next minutes.

The Evangelistic Committee reports $6.10 in today's offering.

The Special Committee reports that it has not held a meeting according to the suggestion at the last Quarterly Meeting. There was not time preceding Yearly Meeting for all the members of the Committee to express their choice of Friends to attend a Committee meeting and for satisfactory arrangements for their attendance. It seemed best to hold a meeting early in the fall when a full attendance might be obtained.

The name of Louisa White as clerk of the Providence Monthly Meeting has been suggested as a member of the special committee and is approved. It is also approved that a member from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting representing those who oppose withdrawal from the Yearly Meeting, be added to the committee and the chairman of the special committee and the clerk of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting are asked to consult and name that member.

The following have been named to serve on the nominating committee to report in Eleventh Month - Helen T. Gifford, Madeline Chace, Dean Jackson, Margaret Naden, Edwin Trout, Louisa White.

We note the presence and ministry of Ruth Eastburn of Indiana Yearly Meeting at our morning worship meeting and the presence of Henry Mosher of Ohio Yearly Meeting, former pastor at Newport at our business session; also, four Friends from Central Village meeting.

We express our thanks to friends of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for their kind hospitality.

The business of the day having been completed we adjourn to meet in Swansea, Eleventh Month 6, the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Mass., Eleventh Month 6, 1948.

The several Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Providence - Henry Foster, Sarah Gallagher, Helen T. Gifford, Millicent Foster.

Rhode Island - Marguerite Briggs, Ethel Perry, Emma Minkler, L. Deon Jackson.

Swansea - Dorothy Williamson, Madeline Chace, Mary Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, Randall S. Naden, Grace N. Rostron, Ethel J. Frye, Nathan Chace, Margaret W. Naden.

Of these all are present except three.

The minutes of our meeting held at Portsmouth, R. I., 8th Month 7, 1948 have been read and are approved.

The following report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and accepted:

South Somerset, Mass.
11th Month 6, 1948

The meeting of the Evangelistic Committee of the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting preceded the business session of the Quarterly Meeting held at South Somerset on 11th Month 6th, 1948.

There was a period of silent devotion.

The treasurer reported the amount of $8.86 in the morning offering.

It was decided to send CARE packages to two needy families in Europe.

The need for Bibles in Europe was spoken of. The treasurer was authorized to send $10.00 to Million Testaments, Inc., for the purchase of Bibles to be sent to Germany.

The meeting was closed with prayer by our Field Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, James A. Coney, who was in attendance today.

For the Committee,

L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

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Philip C. Gifford, treasurer, has presented the following report:

Quarterly Meeting Treasurers Report
November 1, 1948

Balance August 1, 1948	32.29	Committee on Christian Education	10.00
Contribution Christian Education	5.25		
Oct. 1 Quota from Swansea Monthly Meeting	132.25		
	169.79		10.00

Balance $159.79

The report is accepted with appreciation.

The quotas will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting treasurer as soon as the two Monthly Meetings remit.

The nominating Committee appointed in 8th Month submit their report. The following named Friends are appointed to their respective offices and committees for the ensuing year:

Clerk	Amy S. Hayden
Assistant Clerk	Ruth D. B. White
Treasurer	Philip C. Gifford
Auditor	Charles H. White
Superintendent	
Missions	Ruth D. B. White
Bible School	Emma C. Macclelland
Christian Home Life	Alice T. Hartnett

Evangelistic Committee:

Bertha L. Hathaway
Mary A. Harvey
Ethel J. Fry
Marguerite D. Briggs
L. Deon Jackson
Louisa White
Philip C. Gifford
Elizabeth J. Trout
Susan Trout
Russell W. Hathaway
Elizabeth Foster

The same committee will bring forward names in 5th Month for representatives to Yearly Meeting and for one member of Yearly Meeting nominating committee and one member of Yearly Meeting finance committee.

The Queries have been read. Expression was given to the thought that these queries are addressed to us individually and faithfulness as individuals will result in faithfulness of the group. There is a challenge to church people that if they would act in accordance with Query 5 it would not be long before liquor would be outlawed in our nation. We need to put our theories to work in practical ways. We heard the concern that

Monthly Meetings make a statement of what is fit for recreation that the body and mind may remain a suitable place for the spirit of God to dwell. An extract from the last report of the Yearly Meeting Public Morals committee was quoted," Our committee is aware that only a personal religious experience is a safeguard against the wrong reasoning which precedes actions that are detrimental to the best quality of living."

The following letter from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been received:

Portsmouth, R. I.
September 10, 1948

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friend,

"In accordance with the request of the Quarterly Meeting that we designate the Yearly Meeting to which we desire to be transferred, the matter was carefully considered with every member present voicing his opinion. We sincerely desired the Lord's will in this important matter and there was no haste in coming to a decision. Therefore, in summing up the weight of expressions it was the sense of the meeting that we join Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, (Damascus).since assurance was given in a letter from Claude A. Roane that we will be welcomed in Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)."

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting held at Portsmouth 8th Month 25, 1948.

Marguerite Briggs, Clerk.

The special committee presents the following report:

The specialcommittee of the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met in Providence, Sept. 18, 1948, with 15 members presant. Louisa White as clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting and Alice T. Hartnett, representing those of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting who do not favor transfer, have been added to the committee by approval of the Quarterly Meeting.

A letter addressed to the committee stating the opinionthat is is inadvisable to withdraw from New England Yearly Meeting was received from six members of the Newport meeting.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has expressed it desire to unite with Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) and has been informally assured of a welcome in that meeting.

Property rights and the need of legal research were discussed. A representative of the Ohio Yearly Meeting

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has stated that the Ohio Yearly Meeting has no desire for the property rights to be vested in its organization but suggests the Monthly Meeting continue to hold the title. The Monthly Meeting has cash funds which have been used for upkeep of the buildings in Portsmouth and Newport. There is a cemetery fund for use in Portsmouth.

This committee makes the following recommendation to the Quarterly Meeting:

> that the Quarterly Meeting forward to Yearly Meeting before the meeting of Permanent Board on February 22 this request of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) leaving to the Yearly Meeting, which is the body to make the final decision on this matter, the responsibility for all property investigation.

It is the desire of the committee

(a) that in whatever decision is reached on the disposition of the property, provision be made whereby New England Friends may be privileged to use the meeting houses from time to time to bring to the several communities the concerns of New England Friends;

(b) that careful consideration be given to the welfare of those not in sympathy with transfer;

(c) that provision be made for those members preferring a different type of worship service to use the meeting houses for their services at a different hour;

(d) that each member be notified by letter before a transfer is consummated, giving him an opportunity to transfer his membership to another Monthly Meeting in New England Yearly Meeting if he so desires.

It is suggested that, providing the property is held by New England Yearly Meeting and the Monthly Meeting is transferred to Ohio Yearly Meeting, that a long term lease of the properties be granted to these Friends with nominal obligations.

The way has not opened to carry out the plan suggested in Quarterly Meeting in 5th Month to confer with Yearly Meeting Friends in a committee meeting.

Amy S. Hayden, Chairman.

Again we find ourselves divided on the advisability of transferring Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. Our attention is called to the age of the Monthly Meeting, the oldest in New England Yearly Meeting, and some members feel that we and the coming generation will regret if any change is made in our affiliation with New England Yearly Meeting. Membership in a Yearly Meeting so far distant is thought by some to be a disadvantage. During the discussion the matter of willingness on the part of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to conform to the new discipline was brought up. Yearly Meeting is still working on preparing a discipline that will fit the needs of the whole Yearly Meeting but none has been adopted yet. That matter cannot be considered until a new discipline is adopted.

A few members feel that a lack of harmony in the meeting interferes with their freedom in oral participation in the Quarterly Meeting worship service. Appreciation of an ideal Friends meeting where all speaking is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit was expressed and regret that all have not felt the liberty of the Spirit.

The question, "Can Rhode Island Monthly Meeting continue as it is?" was asked by a Newport Friend because of a former understanding that a change would have to be made.

Assurance was given by members of the other Monthly Meetings that they would gladly have Rhode Island Monthly Meeting continue as a part of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

A suggestion that the Monthly Meeting be divided into two Monthly Meetings met with an opinion that neither meeting would be satisfied with that arrangement.

Since objection to this transfer is expressed by some members of the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and there runs a deep conviction among some the membership that the meeting should not be severed from New England Yearly Meeting it is a question whether this Quarterly Meeting can approve the transfer of the Monthly Meeting.

The opinion was given that rather than transfer the Monthly Meeting this should be considered as a personal matter and any member who cannot continue in spiritual unity should transfer his or her own membership.

The recommendation of the special committee does not meet with approval. The meeting does approve the suggestion to ask Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to reconsider the matter and withdraw its request for the time being to see if another solution can be found. The clerk is asked to communicate with the Monthly Meeting.

The special committee is dissolved and a new committee will be appointed if necessity arises.

The meeting feels that the discussion has been entered into with frankness and friendliness that is gratifying.

We note with appreciation the acceptable presence and ministry with us today of James Coney.

The Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting have extended to us today a cordial hospitaliby and we desire to express our thanks to them.

The business coming before us today having been concluded we now adjourn, purposing to meet in Providence in 5th Month the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, R. I., 5th Month, 7, 1949.

The Monthly Meetings report the appointment of representatives as follows:

Providence - Roberta Alford, Helen Burgess, Phoebe Munro, Wm. O. Foster.

Rhode Island - Ethel Perry, Elizabeth J. Trout, Alice T. Hartnett, Alice R. Jackson,

Swansea - Ethel J. Frye, Bertha L. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, Madeline Chase, Yvonne L. Chase, Grace N. Rostron, Randall S. Naden, Margaret W. Naden.

All the representatives are present except one.

The minutes of the meeting held at South Somerset 11th Month 6, 1948 have been read and are approved.

The treasurers report has been read.

Treasurers Report Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

May 7, 1949

Balance May 1, 1948		$32.29
Sept. 1949 Pd Gertrude Smith Com. on Christian Ed.	$10.00	
Less collection for Com. on Christian Ed.	5.25	
	4.75	4.75
Balance		27.54
Oct. Received Assessed Budget		
Swansea Monthly Meeting	132.25	
Providence Monthly Meeting	200.10	
R. I. Monthly Meeting	106.95	
	439.30	
Pd. Ernest Ainsworth	439.30	
Balance		27.54
Jan. 5, 1949 Received South Somerset Funds		
Sunday School for Y. F. Board	10.00	
Paid Ernest Ainsworth	10.00	
Balance		27.54
April 1 Received Assessed Budget		
Swansea Monthly Meeting	132.25	
Providence " "	200.10	
(Due from R. I. Monthly Meeting 106.95)	332.35	
Paid Ernest Ainsworth	332.35	
Balance		27.54

Philip C. Gifford, Treas.

The report shows that our quota of the assessed budget for Yearly Meeting expenses has not been met for the second half of the year. James Coney announced that the Yearly Meeting treasurer has already received more than the amount of the budget for activities which is met by voluntary giving.

This is the first year that Quarterly Meeting quotas have been assessed on the basis of a stated amount per member including active and associate. In discussing this new method it was brought out that meetings with a larger number of non-resident and associate members have found it difficult to pay their quota. This situation, on the other hand, has stimulated some meetings to keep in touch with their non-resident members and inform them of the financial condition of the meeting and ask their financial support. It should make meetings more vigilant in their responsibility of encouraging associate members to desire active membership by the time they have reached mature years. In answer to the question "How do children become associate members?" a section of the old discipline was read. The same provision is made in the new revised discipline.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee has been read and follows:

May 6, 1949

The meeting of the Evangelistic Committee preceded the business meeting today.

The treasurer reported the morning offering of $4.30. The balance in the treasury is $4.75.

Letters of appreciation and thanks were read from Johannes and Angela Van der Muelen, to whom a CARE package was sent and George T. B. Davis of Million Testaments Campaigns. Johannes Van der Muelen is doing Christian work in Vienna. George T. B. Davis wrote of the distribution of testaments in Europe and among the Jews and asked for our earnest prayers for their work. "By your prayers you will be having a real and blessed share in the work".

Newport Meeting reported helpful evangelistic services with William Rahenkamp, a Friend from North Carolina, as evangelist. Sunday evening "Hymn Sings" at Saylesville have been largely attended.

The meeting was closed with prayer by our Field Secretary, James A. Coney.

For the Evangelistic Committee,

L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

A letter from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been read. It states that the Monthly Meeting is not willing to withdraw its request to transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus). They wish to defer the matter until after they have had opportunity to confer with James Coney.

The nominating committee has presented the following names:

For representatives to Yearly Meeting - Alice T. Hartnett, Amy S. Hayden, Elizabeth Foster, Margaret W. Naden, F. Warren Howe, Jr.

For Yearly Meeting nominating committee for two years - Ethel J. Frye.

For Yearly Meeting finance committee for two years - Philip C. Gifford.

These names are approved.

A letter from Patricia Perry in behalf of Young Friends has been received. A request for financial aid for Young Friends attending Yearly Meeting is solicited and in addition a request is made for gifts to help pay the travel costs of one foreign Young Friend on a visit to Friends in America. New York and New England Young Friends are sharing the responsibility of one visitor. We are to encourage the Young People of our meetings to attend Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meetings are asked to forward contributions to the fund to Peter Coney.

The annual statistical report has been read in full. It shows a membership in the Quarterly Meeting of 391, a net gain of 9. There are 79 associate members and 101 non-resident members. None have been transferred from associate to active membership. Fifty-six are under 21 years of age.

The Monthly Meeting reports on the spiritual condition of the meetings have been read. The clerk is instructed to make a summary of these reports and forward it to Yearly Meeting.

Emma MacClelland gave a report of the Bible Schools. All the schools devote part of their time to mission study. Two gave supplementary instruction in Friends history. One conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School. The superintendent suggests that there be a Quarterly Meeting conference of Bible School teachers. She urges that Friends principles be stressed in all the classes.

Alice T. Hartnett gave a report on Christian Home Life.

CHRISTIAN HOME LIFE COMMITTEE

Saylesville reports special occasions when mothers were invited to programs, to further the interest in the spiritual life of the children. Parties for the children and mothers were held, at which time discussions concerning home training of children were held.

Swansea reports fellowhip suppers to which families are invited. Fall River and Swansea report a monthly meeting support which strengthened the family ties.

Providence meeting reports a family fellowship supper and meeting. Bible reading and prayer are encouraged in the home. Parents of young children have formed a group and are meeting in the homes. They are studying "Consider the Children".

Newport reports a special meeting for children on Palm Sunday when all were invited to yield their lives to Christ. Many responded and good work was begun. A letter

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from Laura Jones, who carries this concern on her heart, states that she and Josephine Carr are praying that God will be brought nigh to the hearts of the children, and that an early age they might be led to Christ.

Literature has been sent to the various meetings in the quarter, and appeals made to encourage Bible reading and prayer in the homes. Some families report committing to memory portions of scripture, and participation in prayer by the children.

Alice T. Hartnett
Chairman Christian Home Life Dept.

Ruth D. B. White, missionary superintendent, read the Missionary report.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS OF THE RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

May 7, 1949

In consolidating the reports from-presumably- the missionary committees of the Monthly and Particular meetings comprising Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, the first remarkable fact to be revealed was that there are almost no missionary committees in the monthly meetings. There is a committee in the particular meeting at Portsmouth and Providence Monthly Meeting has what it choses to call a "Missionary Representative". In spite of the lack of committees there has been a considerable amount of missionary education carried on in the following ways; regular Sunday School lessons in 2 meetings, missionary worship programs in 3, motion picture or film slides in nearly all, and either sermons or outside speakers including visiting missionaries in all.

There are 4 Women's Missionary societies within the Quarterly Meeting and these may be responsible for the educational work which has been carried on in the absence of committees.

The use which has been made of "Friendly Flashes", "The Missionary Advocate" and "The American Friend", as well as the study material published by the American Friends Board of Missions is disappointing. Only one meeting, Providence, reported wide use of these publications. The books published by the Missionary Education Movement such as: "China--Twilight or Dawn?" "Christian Voices in China", "On our own Doorstep" have been used in 2 meetings. "American Friends in World Missions" by Christina Jones has been used in 1. The children of Providence Meeting have enjoyed reading "The Watch Goat Boy" by Gertrude Rinden.

Ways of interesting the men of the meeting in missions have been varied from one meeting a year to a regular meeting once a month and have included sermons by pastors and reports at Monthly Meetings. Portsmouth reports that letters to and from missionaries on the field arouse the interest of men, women, and children and that while collections are taken frequently the people of that meeting do not need to be urged to give . Their familiarity with the work is incentive enough.

The amount of support given to the work of the American Friends Board of Missions $326.50 and the amount given to projects outside the Five Years Meeting $2201.23 has varied greatly also. The largest amount given by any meeting was $1141.73, given by Newport Particular Meeting but the largest amount per member, $28.50, was given by members of Portsmouth meeting.

In meeting as a committee with members from each monthly meeting there was disclosed a general lack of knowledge of the mission work being carried on by the Five Years Meeting under the direction of the American Friends Board of Missions. Since this is the particular responsibility of all Five Years Meeting Friends, including all members of New England Yearly Meeting, it would seem advisable that steps be taken in educating Friends in this area first, as to the work being done and second as to the responsibility of each member for supporting that work.

Ruth D. B. White,
Superintendent of Missions,
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

J. Franklin Pineo, finance secretary of the regional office of America Friends Service Committee, Cambridge, has explained the setting up of this new regional office, planning the budget and dividing the work in departments. The relief program of the American Frends Service Committee is laying permanent foundations for peace. He gave announcement of the New England Institute of International Relations, at Brandeis University, two Institutes for High School students, work camps and Institutional Service units.

The International Service Seminars enroll young people of various nationalities to consider the causes and possible solutions for tensions existing between their homelands. Four will be held in New England this year.

The Institute of International Relations is a nonpolitical institute and has the approval of the governor of the state but of course the government cannot sponsor such an institute.

We appreciate the presence with us and the message brought to us by J. Franklin Pineo. We also record the acceptable ministry of James Coney in our meetings today.

We extend to Providence Monthly Meeting Friends our sincere thanks for the kind hospitaliby shown us today.

We conclude the business of the day purposing to meet in Portsmouth in 8th Month 6 of the Lord is willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I., 8th Month 6, 1949.

The several Monthly Meetings have appointed the following representatives to this meeting,
Providence - Phoebe Ann MacClelland, Philip C. Gifford, Thyra Jane Foster, Millicent S. Foster, Ralph Smith.
Swansea - Mary C. Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, Dorothy F. Williamson, Madeline Chace, Grace N. Rostron, Nathan Chase, Margaret W. Naden, Randall S. Naden.
Rhode Island - Alice T. Hartnett, Emma Minkler, Lillian Viveiros, Edwin K. Trout.
Eleven are in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting held in Providence 5th month and the last paragraph of the missionary report have been read and meet with approval.

The treasurer reports the same amount in the treasury, $27.54. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has paid $40.00 on the second half of its quota leaving a balance of $66.95 to be paid.

Our representatives to Yearly Meeting were all present but one who was ill.

The Yearly Meeting through its treasurer gives us the following information: The assessment for Yearly Meeting expenses is based on membership. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's quota is $714.00 which is $2.38 per member. Funds to meet this assessment are to be forwarded by the Monthly Meetings to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer in time for him to forward to the Yearly Meeting treasurer in three equal installments, one third by 9th month 1st, one third by 12th mo. 1st, and one third by 4th month 1st.

According to our membership in the Monthly Meetings our quota is apportioned as follows: Providence $214.20; Rhode Island $230.86; Swansea $268.94.

A Stewardship Committee was appointed at Yearly Meeting to work throughout the Yearly Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting adopted the new discipline. If there are any proposed changes the committee on discipline will hear such suggestions.

The Queries from the new discipline have been read. It is to be decided later if we are to continue reading all nine of the queries at every meeting or dividing them through the year.

A nominating committee to bring forward names for officers and committees for the coming year was appointed as follows: Margaret W. Naden, Susan R. Trout, Bertha L. Hathaway, John F. Chase, Jr., Helen T. Gifford, William O. Foster.

A minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for Susan R. Trout, Elizabeth J. Trout, Mervin, Marguerite and Barbara Briggs to visit Ohio (Damascus) Yearly Meeting is endorsed by this meeting.

The report of the Evangelistic committee has been read:

August 6, 1949

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Portsmouth today after lunch.

Following prayer for Divine guidance, the report of the treasurer was given. Balance in the treasury $4.75. Offering today $9.30. Total amount on hand $14.05. It was decided to use $10.00 of this amount to send a CARE package to some one in Europe who is engaged in evangelistic work. There was considerable informal discussion concerning conditions and needs.

L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

We record with appreciation the ministry of Charles W. Mesner, pastor of New Bedford meeting. We note the presence of Friends from Central Village meeting. We wish to express our thanks for the hospitality extended to us by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

Having completed the business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet in South Somerset 11th Month 5, the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Somerset, Mass. 11th Month 5, 1949.

The following representatives have been appointed by the several Monthly Meetings:
Rhode Island - Ethel M. Perry, Alice T. Hartnett, Susan R. Trout, Hattie E. Angle.
Providence,- Harold Myers, Gertrude Hammond, Ruth C. Burgess.
Swansea - Mary A. Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, Madeline Chase, Russell W. Hathaway, Grace N. Rostron, Nathan Chace, Ethel J. Frye, Randall S. Naden, Margaret W. Naden.
All the representatives except one are present.

The minutes of the meeting held in Portsmouth 8th month 6, have been read and are approved.

The treasurer reports $238.34 received from the Monthly Meetings and paid to Ernest Ainsworth leaving $27.54 in the treasury.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 1, 1949 to APRIL 1, 1950

Received			Paid		
Balance		$27.54	7/26/49	Ernest Ainsworth	$40.00
7/2/49	R. I. M. M.	40.00	9/25/49	do	161.05
8/25/49	Swansea	89.65	10/20/49	do	50.00
9/15/49	Providence	71.40	11/25/49	do	26.95
10/11/49	Rhode Island	50.00	12/1/49	do	161.05
11/9/49	Rhode Island	26.95	3/29/50	do	261.04
11/23/49	Swansea	89.65			
11/23/49	Providence	71.40			
3/24/50	Swansea	89.64			
	Rhode Island	100.00			
3/28/50	Providence	71.40			
		727.63			
Less expenditures		700.09			$ 700.09
New Balance		$27.54			

Examined and found correct

Charles H. White, Auditor

5/5/50.

Treasurer's report inserted here by mistake.
See page 157. Amy S. Hayden

L. Deon Jackson, secretary of the Evangelistic Committee read the following report:

The Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Somerset today. After a period of devotion the treasurer reported a present balance of $14.23. The sum of $10.00 was expended for a CARE package during the quarter. The offering for the day was $10.18. There were suggestions and discussion concering ways of making the work of the committee more effective. The meeting was closed with prayer by our Yearly Meeting field secretary, James Coney.

L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

The nominating committee brought forward the following names for officers and committees for the ensuing year:

Clerk	Amy S. Hayden
Assistant Clerk	Ruth D. B. White
Treasurer	Philip C. Gifford
Auditor	Charles H. White
Supt. of Missions	Ruth D. B. White
Supt. of Bible Schools	Helen B. Burgess
Supt. of Christian Home Life	Alice T. Hartnett

Evangelistic Committee

- Bertha L. Hathaway
- Mary A. Harvey
- Ethel J. Frye
- Marguerite D. Briggs
- L. Deon Jackson
- Thyra Jane Foster
- Louisa White
- Sarah N. Gallagher
- Elizabeth J. Trout
- Susan R. Trout
- Grace N. Rostron

The meeting approves their appointment.

A letter from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been received presenting its request for transfer but discussion of the letter will be postponed until certain conditions are fulfilled which have been proposed to the Monthly Meeting by the advisory committee of the Permanent Board. That this request may be considered by the Quarterly Meeting before the Permanent Board meets 2nd Month 22nd provision is made for a specially called meeting either on 1st month 21st or 2nd month 4th. The clerk will notify the Monthly Meetings of the exact time which will be determined by (1) the completion of the business which has been delegated to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, (2) the possibility of meeting in Providence on the same day that Narragansett Quarterly Meeting is held, (3) the advisability of postponement in case of bad weather conditions.

The clerk of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting states that an attorney will be engaged to investigate its property rights.

It is proposed that a committee be appointed to assist Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in meeting the requirements of Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting in formulating its proposition to present to Yearly Meeting and in working out some of the details connected with the proposed transfer. It is hoped that such a committee may explore the idea of affiliation between the Monthly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting if the transfer is made. The clerk is directed to appoint three members on such a committee. A little time is needed for consideration before this committee can be named.

The question arises as to whether we shall continue to read all the queries at each Quarterly Meeting. It is to be left to the discretion of the clerk. Queries on (1) Meeting for Worship and Ministry, (2) Business Meeting, (3) Christian Fellowship, (4) Personal Standards of Living have been read at this meeting.

James Coney has spoken of the special responsibility that rests upon local meetings which make up the Five Years Meeting. The Advance program that is in progress will do much to strengthen our local meetings.

Franklin Pineo has summarized the activities and accomplishments of the summer programs sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. The peace programs of the summer institutes have helped in changing the attitudes of some students in regard to race discrimination so that they desire to do something about it in their schools. Twenty-six nationalities were represented among the 35 students in one seminar with the result of better understanding and appreciation one of the other. The study of the Russian situation was considered successful. A booklet 'The U. S. and the Soviet Union" which is a report prepared by the American Friends Service Committee on some Quaker proposals for peace, is recommended for our reading. The general feeling among Friends is that the pressures brought about by our military regime are obstructing democratic life.

Alice Hartnett asks that she be advised of Friends' families who will use the devotional booklets in the home. The chairman of Christian Education of the Yearly Meeting has prepared a demonstration of dolls and will be glad to present them to local Bible Schools.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Yearly Meeting is circulating a traveling library of children's books through the Bible Schools. It may be some time before all schools are reached.

Philip and Virginia Towle of the Worcester meeting have been welcome visitors in our meeting today. They have recently returned from a years visit in England where they visited Friends meetings. They will gladly come to our meetings and tell us of their interesting experiences illustrated with a fine collection of pictures they took of English meeting houses and other scenes.

We welcome other Friends in our meeting today: Robert Ford, pastor of Newport meeting and his wife, Eleanor, who are members of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus); James Coney, Franklin and Ruth Pineo, Charles and Ida Mesner of New Bedford meeting and Rev. Peter Cosman, supply pastor of Swansea and Mrs. Cosman.

We express our thanks to Swansea Monthly Meeting for their bountiful hospitality extended to us today.

The business before us having been concluded, we adjourn purposing to meet at a specially called meeting First month 21st or Second month 4th as the clerk may decide, if the Lord wills.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, R. I., 5th Month 6, 1950.

The several Monthly Meetings report the following representatives to attend this meeting:
Providence: Henry C. Foster, Ruth D. B. White, Philip C. Gifford, Millicent S. Foster.
Rhode Island: Emma Minkler, Alice T. Hartnett, Ethel Perry, Marguerite D. Briggs,
Swansea: Mary A. Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, Madeline Chace, Russell Hathaway, Ethel J. Frye, Grace N. Rostron, Margaret W. Naden, Randall S. Naden.
All are in attendance but four.

The minutes of the meeting held in South Somerset 11th Month 6, were read and approved.

The following audited report of the treasurer was read:

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

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Examined and found correct
Charles H. White, Auditor
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The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read.

The meeting of the Evangelistic Committee was held prior to the business session today.

The balance in the treasury is $14.23.

As the offering was not spoken of in the morning meeting, Friends will have an opportunity to contribute for the work of the committee at the close of the afternoon business session.

A letter has been received from the recipient of the CARE package sent during the last quarter.

Bertha L. Hathaway was named to serve as chairman and L. Deon Jackson as secretary of this committee. These nominations were approved.

It was reported that earnest requests have been made for Bibles for Japan. The sum of $10.00 was appropriated for this need.

For the committee,
L. Deon Jackson, Secretary.

A report from the nomination committee was received and by approval the following people will serve.

Yearly Meeting Finance Committee for 2 years, J. Rudolpf Metz.
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for 2 years, Louisa White.
Representatives to Yearly Meeting to be held in Andover, Mass. 6th Month 21,-25, J. Rudolf Metz, Philip C. Gifford, Louise White, Ethel J. Frye, Mary A. Harvey, Alice T. Hartnett, F. Warren Howe, Amy S. Hayden, Helen B. Burgess.

The statistical report read at this time shows a membership of 388, a net loss of three. Swansea Monthly Meeting has a net gain of four.

Reports on the spiritual condition of our meetings were read. The complete report of each Monthly Meeting will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting as requested by the last Year Meeting session. Members of Fall River meeting are sharing the responsibility in their meeting for worship. They have a concern regarding their influence with non attenders that others may be drawn to worship after the manner of Friends. Swansea meeting reports that after a period of discouragement the outlook is brighter and there is a keener realization that meeting for worship and pressing forward to deeper things are of vital importance to their meeting. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting reports that its interest in home and world missions continues, it is promoting a program of evangelism and ministering to the spiritual needs of all ages in their meetings. More prayer meetings have been held in Portsmouth. A regular resident pastor is in the Newport meeting after a long period of supply ministers of other denominations. Providence Friends find their meeting for worship a source of strength and vision for all the activities of the meeting. The Peace Committee has been active in carrying out a program for promoting Friends principles of peace, the work of American Friends Service Committee has been increased, there is a flourishing First Day School including an adult study group, a special interest in Quaker education has been aroused in the group of parents. The meeting feels that some of its concerns have not been carried forth as it would wish, namely, the development of fellowship of young people temporarily in Providence at school or college and visiting those who are ill or in need of physical or spiritual help.

A copy of a minute on Quaker education adopted by Providence Monthly Meeting has been read. It is their concern that the principles and way of life of Friends be reflected in the schools under the care of New England Yearly Meeting, that the faculty include as many scholarly, skilled and concerned Friends as possible, that the school equipment be of high standard and that the opportunity of sharing in the school experience be denied no one because of racial, economic or social status.

The report of the superintendent of Bible Schools was read.

REPORT OF RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING BIBLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FOR YEAR ENDING December 31, 1949.

The forms sent out by the Yearly Meeting this year for reporting Bible School activities call for little information other than statistics so that this report can offer a very limited resume.

For a more complete and interesting picture of the various Bible School activities I would suggest that the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting call for brief verbal reports from the attending representatives of the Monthly Meetings or from any Bible School superintendents who may be present.

The chief item of significance in the reports on curriculum material reveals that but one of the four reporting use Friends publications. One of the reports states that it has supplementary instruction in Friends History. None participate in week-day religious instruction, two have regular missionary instruction and one holds regular teachers meetings.

Statistics and finances are reported as follows:

	Enrollment	Average Attend.	Local Exp.	Contrib.
Providence	32	22	1.25	---
Portsmouth	42	31	127.23	341.00
Saylesville	6	5	20.00	23.00
Newport	73	53	273.48	194.90

Respectfully submitted,
Emma C. MacClelland, Supt.

It is noted that Swansea has sent no report to the superintendent. Some schools have not reported on their adult division which is a part of their religious educational work.

Ruth D. B. White gave a report on missionary work.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS TO RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING 5th month 6, 1950.

In general the report of missionary interest and activity for the year 1949 is about the same as for previous years. It is difficult and I think gives an unfair picture to try to consolidate and take averages from reports from monthly meetings which include such extremes in missionary interest as there are in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Of the four local meetings included in this report the two meetings in R. I. Monthly Meeting each hold a missionary meeting once a month which is attended by every one, both men and women in addition to meetings of the Women's Missionary Society. At the other extreme Providence held only one general missionary meeting during the year in addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Women's Missionary Society.

The amount of money contributed to missions is in about the same ratio as the interest shown in the meetings.

The type of mission study carried on in the meetings varies also. The Providence missionary society followed the plan used nationally and interdenominationally by studying material published by the Missionary Education Movement on Japan, and in addition kept informed of the work for which we, as a meeting, are responsible, namely, the missions of the Five Years Meeting. Swansea made use of the Friends book, Religious Life on our Mission Fields, by Mildred E. White. Newport and Portsmouth kept in touch with individual missionaries and enjoyed communications from them at some of their meetings.

As usual the financial picture is quite unbalanced with all but about $100.00 out of a total of $2057.29 coming from monthly meetings in the southern part of the quarter. $234.57 was given to missions of the Five Years Meeting and $1816.72 to missions outside the Five Years Meeting.

Two of the meetings reported use of Friendly Flashes, a small monthly paper giving up to date information about our missions and missionaries, the Missionary Advocate, a very fine monthly magazine published by the United Society of Friends Women, and the American Friend, a periodical giving religious news and inspirational articles published every two weeks by the Five Years Meeting.

Some missionary education has been given in Sunday Schools

This report indicates that there is great need of further missionary education and dedication that we may adequately support the 39 missionaries and hundreds of native workers on our seven mission fields.

Elizabeth Trout urges more interest in missions now, for the time is short and there is increasing opposition to missionaries in some countries. Russell Brooks calls our attention to the fast development of Friends work in Africa during the past fifty years and its present possibilities. The strongest church at home is the one with the greatest missionary outreach.

A letter from Elizabeth Thomas of the Board of Young Friends asks that financial help for young people attending Yearly Meeting be supplied by the meetings from which they come.

Queries 5--9 were read and considered.

The special Quarterly Meeting to be called prior to the meeting of the Permanent Board of Yearly Meeting to consider a plan to be presented by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting was not called because the Monthly Meeting could not complete its business in Monthly Meeting and particular meetings in time to forward an approved plan of action.

The clerk in accordance with the direction of the Quarterly Meeting appointed a committee to assist Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. They are Thyra Jane Foster, Margaret W. Naden, Charles H. White. This meeting adds the name of Randall S. Naden.

Russell Brooks spoke for the Peace Committee and Charles Mesner for the committee on Meetings and Extention.

The following letter from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been read:

Portsmouth, R. I.
5th month 6, 1950

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting:

Dear Friends;

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends herewith requests Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting that it be divided into two monthly meetings, one of which will request New England Yearly Meeting for transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting at Damascus, and the other will remain a part of New England Yearly Meeting as Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends.

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends will further be requested to form a Trusteeship to hold the real estate of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting including meeting houses and parsonages under a declaration giving the new monthly meeting the right to use the meeting houses for religious purposes and the parsonages; also to hold all permanent funds of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and of Newport and Portsmouth particular meetings composing it, including all funds which may be used for repairs and maintenance; provision in the Trust shall provide for the payment of monies to the Treasurer of Portsmouth particular meeting but in the case of Newport, shall be paid as needed by Trustees until such time as a joint property committee with a Treasurer may be formed by the Newport meetings.

These matters have been considered at two committee meetings with the Quarterly Meeting Advisory Committee, representatives of all interested parties and our legal advisor present. Two members of the Permanent Board committee on this matter were present at one of these. It has been considered at three monthly meetings with the advisory committee present. It has been considered at both Portsmouth and Newport particular meetings, in the latter case with our legal advisor and a member of the advisory committee present. This was previous to the last monthly meeting.

Mimeographed sheets of the main points at issue prepared by the legal advisor have been in the hands of every member and discussed point by point in these meetings. The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, a member of the Permanent Board Committee, has visited in love amongst us.

We believe that it is now the sense of the meeting that we make the above requests. The names of those who have expressed the wish to remain as members of New England Yearly Meeting and those who already have requested transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) are appended.

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island - Fourth month - 26th 1950.

Marguerite Briggs, Clerk.

At the regular business session of Newport Particular Meeting, held on March 8, 1950, Theodore Tollefson stated that the following were opposed to the transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting.

1. William Hartnett
2. Theodore Tollefson
3. Alice Hartnett
4. Marie Rhodin
5. Barbara Rhodin
6. John Chase
7. Hope Chase

Emma Minkler, whose name was also given, has since stated that she wished to have her name added to the list of those in favor of the transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting.

The following are in favor of the transfer to Ohio Yearly Meeting:-

1. Nellie P. Thurston
2. Jennie A. James
3. Harriet E. Angle
4. Ruth Millham
5. Mabel Hamans
6. Emma Owens
7. Alice R. Jackson
8. Jennie Goodwin
9. Marie Zum Brunnen
10. E. Bernice Jackson
11. Alpha B. Schroeder
12. Laura L. Rydwell
13. Allen S. Rydwell
14. Annie Millham
15. Harold B. Bradley
16. Lucy Bradley
17. Mary Douglas) by letter
18. Fannie Rose) to clerk
    of R. I.
    Monthly Mtg.
19. Antone Gomes
20. Emma Minkler
21. L. Deon Jackson

Alice Whitman has stated that she will join the meeting when the transfer is made.

Newport, R. I.
April 26, 1950.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,

At an adjourned business meeting of Newport Particular Meeting on April 17, 1950, the meeting approved of having united meetings for worship and for the present a united business session for the two groups (Rhode Island and Ohio) after the transfer of one group to Ohio Yearly Meeting.

The meeting was not in agreement concerning trusteeship of funds, but responses to a letter sent to the members indicate approval of 18 members of the proposal that permanent funds of Newport Particular Meeting be placed in trust with New England Yearly Meeting to be administered by a committee and 7 disapproved.

L. Deon Jackson, clerk
Newport Particular Meeting.

Thyra Jane Foster, chairman of the advisory committee of the Quarterly Meeting spoke for the committee concerning the situation. She said, "The advisory committee has felt at all times that people grow best where there is unity of feeling. While we regret the loss of these Friends, we are convinced that they are very much in unity with Ohio Yearly Meeting(Damascus).

We have tried at all times to find a solution that would be satisfactory to all parties or as nearly satisfactory as possible. You see in this letter the steps that have been taken. Members signifying their wish to belong to the proposed Rhode Island Monthly Meeting (New England) were present at each meeting where this matter was taken up. We regret there are none of them here today, but we are satisfied to go forward with the proposals as made. It is expected that the trusteeship will be drawn in favor of neither meeting using the Newport meeting house, but that they will both be equal sharing according to their need. The experience of New England Yearly Meeting in its recent merger of Friends groups has shown that groups can work in harmony much more easity if they are together as equals, not one being the original and the other an offshoot.

The rightness of this transfer will only be shown by the growth that takes place afterwards in the two groups. We ask the very careful consideration of these proposals by the Quarterly Meeting."

Others have expressed their concern that the proposed meetings in Newport work in unity of spirit for the benefit and growth of each, giving due consideration to all members as a new plan for the local meeting is worked out by them. We are sorry to give up a meeting and regret that the Yearly Meeting may have failed in ministering to this meeting.

Since the minute from Newport particular meeting which states they intend to have a joint business meeting more consideration has been given the matter and the plan is found to be unworkable. A meeting under the Ohio Yearly Meeting will need its separate business meeting in order to carry out the work of its own Yearly Meeting but some items of business may be transacted jointly.

This Quarterly Meeting approves granting the request of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting that the Quarterly Meeting divide it into two Monthly Meetings, but that the division shall take effect only when New England Yearly Meeting has received the trust proposed by the Monthly Meeting and made provision for transferring to Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) that part of the present Rhode Island Monthly Meeting which desires to be transferred. This meeting gives its approval to dividing the Monthly Meeting but only with the understanding that the granting of one of these requests of the Monthly Meeting is strictly contingent upon the granting of all of them.

The clerk is directed to forward to Yearly Meeting this letter from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. It is the wish of this meeting that Yearly Meeting consider with favor the requests made and, if possible, complete the business at this session of the Yearly Meeting. The disagreement within the meeting has been of long duration and continues to prevent its full spiritual growth and outreaching influence.

The Monthly Meeting is advised to have its attorney plan a trust agreement to be approved by the Monthly Meeting and sent to members of the Permanent Board prior to its meeting 6th Month 20th, if it can be arranged.

We are happy to have visiting Friends with us today, Charles Mesner, Russell Brooks and Franklin Pineo. Clyde Park, pastor of Swansea Meeting attended the morning meeting.

We extend to the Providence Monthly Meeting our sincere thanks for their hospitality.

Having completed the business of the day, we adjourn purposing to meet 8th month 5th in Portsmouth, R. I., if the Lord permit.

Amy S. Hayden, clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R. I., 8th Month 5, 1950.

The Clerk being absent, Thyra Jane Foster was appointed for the day. Reports from the Monthly Meetings show the following as representatives:
Swansea: Mary A. Harvey, Henry J. Harvey, Dorothy Williamson, Bertha L. Hathaway, Ethel J. Frye, Grace N. Rostron, Randall S. Naden, Margaret N. Naden.
Rhode Island: Isabelle Truax, Emma Minkler, L. Deon Jackson, Lillian Viveros.
Providence: Barbara Haddad, Ralph Smith, Helen T. Gifford.
These were all present but four.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting were all present but two. Alice Hartnett was prevented by the illness of her daughter and Amy S. Hayden by illness.

Millicent Foster for the Central Advisory Committee of the Yearly Meeting has told us of their plans. This committee was formed of four previous committees of the Yearly Meeting; the Committee to advise the Field Secretary, Committee on Stewardship, Central Office Advisory Committee and Committee on Meetings and Extension. This new committee is meeting one full day each month and sending a letter to the Monthly Meeting Clerks. Russell Brooks has been appointed a part time Field Secretary to share the work with James Coney. George and Florence Selleck have resumed work at the Friends Center and he will edit the New England Friend. They are available to go out to meetings and tell of their work in Finland. The budgets for the Yearly Meeting have been united and the giving to the Yearly Meeting has been put on a voluntary basis.

The Evangelistic Committee reports that Bibles were sent to Japan as planned. $15 has been appropriated at this time for the Scholarship Fund for the girls school at Ramallah in Jordan. Patrons of the Ramallah School, which is now the only high school for girls in that area, have suffered so much economically that they are now unable to support the school as heretofore.

A Nominating Committee as follows has been appointed: Helen T. Gifford, Margaret Naden, Mary A. Harvey, Thyra Jane Foster, Alice Hartnett.

The minute of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting containing the request for division of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and transfer of one group to Ohio Yearly Meeting at Damascus and for a Trusteeship for its funds to be held by New England Yearly Meeting, was presented to the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting in Sixth Month and acted upon favorably. When the minutes of this body were presented to the Yearly Meeting the plan was accepted. When the Permanent Board met after Yearly Meeting Russell Brooks and H. Seymour Wiley were appointed Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Properties Committee to represent the Yearly Meeting. The matter now awaits court action in regard to the transfer of trusts.

The following committee has been appointed to confer with a similar committee from Narragansett Quarterly Meeting to consider the possibility of one Quarterly Meeting in this area: Millicent Foster, Chairman; Dorothy Williamson, Margaret Naden, Alice Hartnett, Ralph Smith.

Appreciation for the assistance given by the Advisory Committee of the Quarterly Meeting to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in working out their plan for transfer was expressed. Thankfulness was also expressed for the spirit in

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which this transfer is being made. We hope that there will still be visits back and forth among these meetings and occasionally joint meetings on kindred subjects.

Elizabeth Trout informs us that she is retiring from the leadership of Portsmouth Meeting. Appreciation is expressed for her long and devoted service with the hope that she may find new interests which will fulfill her desire to further the Kingdom of God.

The Clerk is directed to write a letter of greeting to Amy S. Hayden who is unable to be with us today.

The first three queries from the New Discipline for New England Yearly Meeting have been read.

We now adjourn to meet at Somerset, in Eleventh Month next, the Lord willing.

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk for the day.

Thyra Jane Foster

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Eleventh Month Fourth, 1950 at Somerset, Massachusetts, with 28 persons present.

The Clerks being absent, Thyra Jane Foster is appointed Clerk and Margaret Naden Assistant Clerk for the day.

The minutes of the previous meeting not being available, they will be read at our next meeting.

By reports from the Monthly Meetings, the following were appointed representatives to this Meeting:
Rhode Island: Barbara Briggs, Harriet E. Angle, Emma W. Minkler, Ethel M. Perry.
Swansea: Mary A. Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, Madeline Clase (absent), Dorothy F. Williamson, Grace N. Rostron, Randall S. Naden, Ethel J. Frye, Margaret W. Naden.
Providence: Gertrude W. Hammond, Helen T. Gifford, Harold Myers (absent).
All of whom are in attendance but two.

The Treasurer has given an informal report, saying that there have been no transactions since our last meeting and that the balance is about $27.

Providence Monthly Meeting says in behalf of the Missionary Committee that they hope shortly to be entertaining a Five Years Meeting Delegate from Jamaica or Africa at a Supper Meeting (covered dish) and a cordial invitation is extended to the members of the Quarterly Meeting. Russell Brooks, Associate Field Secretary for the Yearly Meeting, has spoken of slides and material available for our use on Missions and of the fine impression made at the Five Years Meeting by the African delegate.

The Bible School in Swansea notes a large beginning class, this year with no falling off of older ones; also a nursery group is being held during morning worship.

Portsmouth Meeting also reports a large beginning class and no falling off in other classes. There is a strong missionary feeling and a native worker is being supported in South America.

In Providence there is increased membership which almost overflows the accommodations at the Meeting House. There are five classes of children and an adult class.

Alice Hartnett for the Christian Home Life Department has thanked all those who sent in such good reports on this subject last year. She says that the plea for Christian worship in families met with good response last year. The new Pastor for Portsmouth, Dane Ruff, is with us today.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following report which is approved with the expectation that the list may be revised if there is a change in our meetings before next year:

Clerk	(to be named)
Assistant Clerk	Ruth D. B. White
Treasurer	Philip C. Gifford
Auditor	Charles H. White
Supt. of Missions	Ruth D. B. White
Supt. of Bible Schools	Helen B. Burgess
Supt. of Christian Home Life	Alice T. Hartnett

Evangelistic Committee:

Bertha L. Hathaway	Thyra Jane Foster
Mary A. Harvey	Louisa White

Ethel J. Frye
Marguerite D. Briggs
Randall S. Naden
L. Dean Jackson (Sec'y)
Sarah N. Gallagher
William C. Hartnett
Susan R. Trout
Grace N. Rostron

The question of the future of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is not ready for report at this time.

It is approved that we notify Narragansett Quarterly Meeting that we are in favor of a merger of the two Quarterly Meetings and invite them to merge with us. We would suggest that the Committees under appointment by the Quarterly Meetings should be instructed to meet in the near future to consider ways and means of bringing this about.

L. Dean Jackson for the Evangelistic Committee reports that they have spent $15 for the Scholarship Fund for the girls school at Ramallah. They also approved $10 being sent to the Associated Indian Executive Committee for the work of Philip and Susie Frazer in Oklahoma, who attended our Yearly Meeting this summer and many of the individual meetings.

The meeting expresses its appreciation of the hospitality accorded us today.

Russell Brooks expresses his confidence in the possibility of a United Quarterly Meeting working in a satisfactory manner. He has also spoken with enthusiasm for the United Budget for the Yearly Meeting and has asked our whole hearted support of it.

We are heartened by his visit both for his contribution in the morning meeting and his helpful suggestions in the business meeting.

Charles Messner from New Bedford Meeting has been an acceptable visitor with us at this time.

Queries four through seven have been read at this time.

We now adjourn purposing to meet again in Fifth Month at Providence, R.I. if the Lord permit.

T. J. Foster, Clerk pro tem.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, Rhode Island, 5th Month 5th, 1951

The Nominating Committee has presented the name of Amy S. Hayden for Clerk and the appointment is approved. All other officers and committees were appointed at the last meeting, the usual time for such appointments.

The minutes of the meeting held in Somerset, Massachusetts, 11th Month 4th have been read and approved.

Representatives to attend this meeting were appointed by the monthly meetings as follows:

Providence - Louisa White, Phoebe Mungo, Anna Foster, Harold Myers
Rhode Island - Barbara Briggs, Ethel M. Perry, Nellie P. Thurston, Emma Minkler
Swansea - Bertha L. Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, Dorothy P. Williamson, Ethel J. Frye, Madeline Chase, Grace Rostrom, Randall S. Naden, Margaret W. Naden.

All are present but two.

The balance in the treasury remains the same, $27.54.

Philip C. Gifford is appointed to the Yearly Meeting finance committee for two years; and Helen T. Gifford to the Yearly Meeting nominating committee for two years.

The following Friends are appointed as representatives to Yearly Meeting in Andover, Massachusetts, 6th Month 19-24: J. Rudolf Metz, Philip C. Gifford, Louisa White, Helen T. Gifford, Mary A. Harvey, Alice T. Hartnett, Helen B. Burgess, Iten N. Scott, Kenneth B. White.

A letter from the Young Friends Board calls to our attention the need of financial help for young Friends attending Yearly Meeting. The same letter has been received by the monthly meetings and we are leaving the matter of collecting funds in the hands of local and monthly meetings.

The Evangelistic Committee makes the following report: "The regular meeting of the evangelistic committee was held just prior to the business session today. The committee desires to send another offering for the Indian work carried on by Philip and Susie Frazier in Oklahoma. The gift will be made through the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. It is hoped that Friends will contribute toward this gift. L. Dean Jackson, Sec'y."

Reports on the spiritual condition of the meeting have been read. The clerk is directed to make a summary to be written into these minutes and to be sent to Yearly Meeting. Russell Brooks, assistant executive secretary of the Yearly Meeting, suggests that the original reports also be sent since they contribute to a better understanding of the state of society beyond what a summary can provide.

REPORT OF THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

Portsmouth meeting is continuing its usual services under the leadership of its new pastor, Dane Ruff. The Sunday and midweek meetings are well attended. A message specially adapted to the children is given by Ruff in the morning meeting.

The Women's Missionary Society has a monthly sewing meeting followed by a family supper and evening missionary program. The children's missionary group organized this year, has its meeting before the supper. An active group of young people meets prior to the Sunday evening service and they meet for a social evening once a month.

The meeting feels the need of extending the field of its gospel service and is making an effort to contact families not attending other meetings of worship. Some have responded. A sense of the great need of revival is felt and the prayer of the meeting is for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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Newport meeting feels that the spiritual vision of its members has been enlarged. Special services in the fall gave a new degree of spiritual victory and a buoyancy of faith which has prevailed throughout the year. Special prayer meetings are held three times a week in the homes. When the church is revived God will save sinners.

The young peoples' group holds meetings on 1st and 5th day evenings. "Youth for Christ" meetings are held once a month A monthly missionary meeting is held; the women's sewing meeting in the afternoon, a children's program after school, a supper and evening missionary program for all the meeting.

The pastor has opened a gospel mission which is designed specially to minister to the spiritual needs of navy men.

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Swansea - Attendance at worship services and in Bible School has increased. There is evidence of a closer walk with God due to the study and meditation of God's Holy Word. There has been a strengthening of faith and a closer unity realized by gathering in prayer and by ministering to the needs of others in the meeting.

Tithing and giving to the Lord's work has borne fruit in many ways.

There have been some definite decisions to accept Christ as personal Savior and some of these new converts are showing a satisfactory spiritual growth.

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Fall River Friends continue to hold meetings as heretofore, with members taking turns in leading the meetings. There is a deepening sense of worship in the service and an increased willingness to participate. The attendance has been decreased by illness, but those who are able are present regularly.

The meeting cooperates as far as possible with other religious and charitable agencies. Calls for financial aid are answered generously after receiving due consideration.

The meeting realizes the necessity of enlarging its borders and stands ready to share its friendly atmosphere and worship after the manner of Friends with those who sorely need such spiritual communion in these troubled times.

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A summary of Providence Monthly Meeting was not made because the clerk of Narragansett Quarterly Meeting included that in his report.

The statistical reports have been read and show the present membership is 385 which is three less than last year. Providence has a net gain of nine, Rhode Island a net loss of four and Swansea a net loss of eight. No associate members have been transferred to active membership.

The report of the Bible School Superintendent is as follows:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING FIRST DAY SCHOOLS, 1951

Five reports from First Day Schools in the Quarterly Meeting have been received. There are 160 pupils enrolled and an average attendance of 128. There are 17 enrolled in the cradle department and 5 in the Home department.

Six hundred and sixty dollars was sent to missions, over 600 of this from Newport and Portsmouth schools. Twenty-six dollars was sent to the American Friends Service Committee from Providence and Saylesville schools.

Three First Day Schools have regular missionary instruction. Enrollment has increased slightly in one school and decreased slightly in one school.

Submitted by Helen B. Burgess, Superintendent.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT TO THE RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING - 5th Mo. 1951

According to reports from some of the Monthly Meetings there is a variety of patterns of missionary education and giving and therefore it is difficult to make a summarized report.

Three of the meetings reporting, Swansea, Providence and Portsmouth, have active Women's Missionary Societies. In Providence it is this society which is most active in providing missionary education and about half the money given to missions has gone through its treasury. At Portsmouth the women's society and the men and children of the meeting meet together once a month in the evening for missionary programs. This meeting shows the greatest zeal for missionary giving with offerings being made in Bible School and Meetings for Worship as well as Women's Society meetings. All of these offerings are given to work outside the Five Years Meeting.

The missionary committees of the various meetings are, as a whole, less active than the Women's Societies . While the work of the Women's Societies is greatly appreciated it should be remembered that the responsibility for missionary education and giving belongs to the whole membership of the meeting and not alone to a few of the women.

As a means of acquainting the membership with the work of the American Friends Board of Missions there are available the annual report of the Board and the following monthly or bi-weekly publications: The American Friend, Friendly Flashes and The Missionary Advocate. It is reported that these are used in two of the meetings, Swansea and Providence. The books published by the Missionary Education Movement have also been used by these two meetings.

A total of $1438.65 was given through the meetings reporting and women's societies for all mission work. About 25% of this was sent for the work of the Five Years Meeting. In addition to this $213.00 was given by 16 membersof the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to the Special Scholarship Fund for the Girls School at Ramallah. $15 was contributed from the treasury of the Evangelistic Committee.

The superintendent would again urge the members to become better acquainted with the work of the American Friends Board of Missions with the hope that this will be an inspiration for greater giving to this very important work.

Ruth D. B. White, Sup't. of Missions.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN HOME LIFE

In Providence the nurturing of Christian Home Life falls particularly on the group of parents having children in the First Day School.

In our First Day School program we have endeavored to find special ways of helping the family to work and to worship together as a unit. The children have had Bible verses to learn at home for presentation in the First Day School programs. They have been encouraged to have a worship corner in their own rooms and to share occasionally with other members of the family any pictures and stories which they like.

The children are welcomed at the monthly suppersof the meeting.

The Parents Group are preparing a discussion of the child's approach to silent meeting, considering their comprehension at the various age levels.

Helen B. Burgess

All the meetings report fellowship suppers and meetings which contribute much toward the deepening of spiritual life in the homes. Children are being taught to read the Bible in their homes and encouraged to pray. Much scripture has been learned, in some meetings children develop the lesson or thought of the service. This has to be studied at home and thus an entire family interest is stimulated.

Devotional periods are observed in some homes of all the meetings.

Material has been sent to all the meetings in the quarterly meeting for devotional use for the week prior to and ending with Mothers Day.

Alice T. Hartnett

Queries 1, 2, and 8 have been read and considered.

Thyra Jane Foster gave a report on the progress of the business of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting as it pertains to the trust agreement with the Yearly Meeting and the transfer of funds. At a court hearing in Newport 4th Month 9th permission was granted to transfer the trusteeship of all funds specified in the trust agreement to the New England Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed to meet with a committee of Narragansett Quarterly Meeting has made its report and favors merging the two quarterly meetings. It suggests that the new united quarterly meeting be called Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting; that it be held on the third 7th day in the month, conforming to the time the Narragansett meeting has formerly been held; and that names of officers and committees be brought forward by a joint nominating committee at the first meeting of the united quarterly meeting.

The clerk of Swansea Monthly Meeting reports that Swansea Monthly Meeting approves of the union of Narragansett and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings but because of geographical convenience the monthly meeting is considering the advisability of affiliation with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. It has not reached a definite decision on the matter yet.

The clerk is directed to send a request to Yearly Meeting to be held in Andover 6th Month to unite Narragansett and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings.

In accordance with the suggestion of the joint committee, a nominating committee is appointed to meet with the nominating committee appointed by the Narragansett Quarterly Meeting Louisa White, Margaret W. Naden, and Alice T. Hartnett are appointed on that committee.

Russell Brooks who is the Yearly Meeting's representative on the Five Years Meeting Board on Peace, Public Morals and Social Concerns, gave a short report of the meeting of the Board in Richmond. The three separate committees were recently united into one Board and it is expectedthat the three special concerns will be promoted to a greater degree by this change. Plans for undertaking ministry to those inducted into government camps were discussed by the Board. It was considered unadvisable to administer special camps as in the last war. Non-membersof Five Years Meeting committees are encouraged to attend Board meetings in Richmond. Appropriations have been reduced because of inadequate funds and the carrying out of the programs as outlined by committees is handicapped. If this work is important to us as Christians we should ask ourselves if we are supporting it according to our incomes. Ruth D. B. White, representative on the American Friends Mission Board, spoke briefly of changes and needs in Friends' mission fields. The education program in Africa is to be stepped up in accordance with British requirements. The cost will be greater but the Board made its decision in spite of reduced appropriations because the new education program is necessary if our mission in Africa is to continue.

We thank Providence Monthly Meeting for its kind hospitality.

The business of the day being completed we adjourn, purposing to meet 7th Month 21st at North Dartmouth, the Lord willing.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth 7th Month 21st, 1951.

A letter was sent to the Yearly Meeting requesting it to unite Narragansett and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings. A letter from Arthur Jones, clerk, states that there was unanimous approval of the Yearly Meeting as expressed in the minute: "The Yearly Meeting approves of the action taken by the two quarterly meetings to be merged into Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting."

Members of Swansea Monthly Meeting at a meeting held 7th Month 16th agreed that they want to be a part of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and the monthly meeting requests this quarterly meeting to transfer it to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting before it meets in joint session with Narragansett Quarterly Meeting. This request meets with the approval of the meeting and the clerk is directed to write to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting asking for its willingness to accept Swansea Monthly Meeting into membership. Regret is expressed that we will miss the fellowship of this meeting but trust that ties may be kept with it as it joins a new fellowship.

A letter from a group of members of the Newport meeting has been read asking for transfer to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Since this group is not yet organized as a monthly meeting due to the unfinished business of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, the request can not be considered.

We now close this last session of the original Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and with expectation of greater opportunity for usefulness and a desire for increasing growth in spiritual life we lay down this meeting to join in union with Narragansett Quarterly Meeting.

Amy S. Hayden, Clerk.